

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to restrict parking between the hours of 9:00 P.M. TO 9:00 A.M. on both sides of Clermont Avenue.

APPLICANT: Duncan Blair, 4601 Eisenhower Avenue

LOCATION: Clermont Avenue Dead End

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends restricting parking between the hours of 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. on both sides of Clermont Avenue from Eisenhower Avenue south to the end.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Blair indicated that large construction vehicles and sport vehicles are parking along both sides of dead end of Clermont Avenue. Many heavy equipment operators/owners are using this street to store and service their vehicles. The businesses have been working with the Alexandria Police Department to enforce the seventy two hour parking regulation. The stepped up enforcement has helped but the problem has come back. Mr. Blair believes that Restricting overnight parking on both sides of the street will help eliminate the problem. Staff is recommending that the parking be restricted between the hours of 11 P.M. to 7 A.M. to be consistent with the hours recently approved on South Pickett Street. Staff's recommendation should provide the desired effect eliminating the vehicle storage problem while providing maximum flexibility to the abutting business owners. Having consistent hours will simplify enforcement.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install No Parking Here to Corner restrictions on the south side of Richenbacher Avenue at Palmer Place.

APPLICANT: Neal Mollen, 1048 Palmer Place

LOCATION: Intersection of Richenbacher Avenue and Palmer Place

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends removing 20 feet of parking on both sides Richenbacher Avenue at Palmer Place on south side of the Street.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by Mr. Neal Mollen who lives at 1048 Palmer Place. A petition was signed by the residents of the 1000 block of Palmer Place supporting of this request. Mr. Palmer indicated that vehicles parking close to the corner of this intersection are blocking the visibility of traffic on Richenbacher Avenue from motorists on Palmer Place. In the past five years there has only been one accident reported at this location. Even though there have been no accidents, staff found that there are visibility constraints created by parked vehicles. Richenbacher Avenue is classified as a local street on the City's roadway classification map.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a Loading Zone in front of 2312 Mount Vernon Avenue from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00A.M.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION: 2313 Mount Vernon Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request to install a Loading Zone in front of 2312 Mount Vernon Avenue from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00A.M.

DISCUSSION: Special Use Permit #2010-0011 Condition number 26 requires that the applicant, Hog Thaid, obtain approval from the Traffic and Parking Board for the loading space designated on the approved site plan. The SUP is recommending that the loading zone be in effect between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. or other time frame approved by the Traffic and Parking Board. The proposed loading zone is available for any of the other businesses to use. Parking on Mount Vernon Avenue is in high demand so staff's goal is to free up as much parking as possible to reduce spillover onto the residential streets. Limiting the hours of the loading zone as proposed helps reduce spillover.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install District 4 – Three Hour Residential Permit Parking restrictions from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday in the 600 block of South Fayette Street.

APPLICANT: Carolyn Lewis

LOCATION: 600 South Fayette Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the City Manager that the 600 block of South Fayette Street be posted with District 4-Three Hour parking restrictions.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by Ms. Carolyn Lewis who is a resident of the 600 block of South Fayette Street. The city code requires that a petition of support signed by more than 50 percent of the residents abutting the block face and that 75 percent of the on street spaces be occupied and that 25 percent of the vehicles parked be from outside the district. Staff reviewed the petition submitted by Ms. Lewis and found that more than 50 percent of the residents of the block signed the petition so the petition requirement was met. South Fayette Street has a total of 29 parking spaces. Of the 29 spaces, 26 were occupied and 15 of the vehicles parked were from outside the area. Based on the results of the study the 600 block of South Fayette Street meets the requirements of the residential permit parking program.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to create an Overnight Parking District in the Brookville Seminary Valley neighborhood.

APPLICANT: The Brookville Seminary Valley community

LOCATION: The following streets:

1. Paxton Street, 900 and 1000 blocks
2. Palmer Place, 1000 block
3. Peele Place, 900 block`
4. Pelham Street, 500, 600 and 700 blocks
5. Richenbacher Avenue, 5200 and 5300 blocks
6. Taney Avenue, 5300 block
7. Truman Avenue, 5300 block

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to City Council the establishment of an overnight parking district in Brookville Seminary Valley

DISCUSSION: The residents of the Brookville Seminary Valley neighborhood are experiencing problems with the overflow of vehicles from the adjacent Willow Run Apartment complex, which is bordered by Taney Avenue on the south, Van Dorn Street on the west and Richenbacher Avenue on the north. Willow Run residents are parking their vehicles, many of them commercial, overnight in the neighborhood because there is inadequate parking at Willow Run. This has created numerous problems including increased littering, car alarms going off at night, vehicles parking too close to corners and fire hydrants, vehicles being repaired on the street, stolen vehicles being parked on the streets and the list goes on. The residents have been working with city officials for some time to resolve this issue.

The residents of the Brookville Seminary Valley neighborhood are petitioning for an Overnight Parking District. Staff conducted a survey and found that over 25 percent of the vehicles parked did not display a valid City of Alexandria tax decal and so the petition meets the requirements of Section 5-8-82 *Restricted overnight parking district* of the City Code. Therefore staff is recommending approval of an overnight parking district.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on the south side of Osage Street west of the Kingsgate Condominium driveway.

APPLICANT: Brian Kolstad

LOCATION: 1700 Osage Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends denial of this request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kolstad submitted this request because he is concerned about the safety of vehicles exiting the driveway onto Osage Street. Mr. Kolstad believes this is dangerous because large SUV's parked in the first available space block the visibility of traffic on Osage Street from motorists exiting Kingsgate. Over the past five years there have not been any reported accidents associated with vehicles exiting this driveway. In January 2002, the Traffic and Parking Board approved the removal of two parking spaces on each side of this same driveway. Staff conducted a field investigation and found the site distance to be adequate for conditions.