

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
SEPTEMBER 27, 2010**

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Recommendation to the City Council on proposed changes to the Taxicab Ordinance, Title 9, Chapter 12 Section 9-12-32 C *Requirements for certificate holders.*

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION: City Wide

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the City Council that the taxicab working group recommendations be adopted into city code.

DISCUSSION: The current taxi ordinance was adopted in 2005. Since adoption of the ordinance two main issues of concern have surfaced in the taxi industry. First, several of the companies are having trouble meeting the two dispatch calls per driver per day requirement and are in jeopardy of being shut down. One company, Columbus Cab, was already shut down. Second, the company's meeting the dispatch requirements are loosing drivers through the driver transfer process and are having trouble maintaining operations due to the lack of drivers. As a result of these problems, a taxicab working group consisting of company owners, members of the Traffic and Parking Board and city staff was formed to investigate opportunities to resolve these issues. The working group has been meeting since November and has developed the recommendations below. In developing these recommendations a survey was handed out to the drivers to gain input on what was important to the drivers. A consensus was reached by the work group to bring these recommendations forward. On July 19, 2010 the City of Alexandria held a public meeting for the taxicab drivers and informed them of the proposed Taxicab ordinance.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install two-hour parking restrictions on both sides of the 600 block of Maskell Street from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION: 600 block of Maskell Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by Gregory Tate, Project Manager/ Fire Station # 210, General Service Department. The project consists of 64 residential units, and 1,150 net square feet of retail space and Fire Station #209. Maskell Street has 12 on-street parking spaces. The project provides 100% off-street parking within a two level parking structure containing 151 spaces. Access to the retail establishments requires that patrons/customers have access to the 12 available on-street parking spaces located along Maskell Street. The access location and garage security system does not facilitate convenient use or access to the 8 dedicated retail parking spaces in the garage. As such Maskell Street being a publicly dedicated street provides a visible means of parking for the retail space. Currently the on-street spaces are being monopolized by residents and their guests, both of which should not be negatively impacted by the 2-hour parking restriction.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 2 parking spaces on the west side of the 1400 block of Powhatan Street just north of Rolfe Place

APPLICANT: Mr. Bill Goble, President / Powhatan Place HOA

LOCATION: 1600 block Powhatan Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends denial of the request.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by Mr. Goble, President of the Powhatan Homeowners Association. Mr. Goble stated that parked vehicles are blocking the vision of oncoming traffic from drivers exiting Rolfe Place onto Powhatan Street. This issue came before the Traffic and Parking Board at the May 2003 meeting. At this meeting the Board voted to remove one parking space which is consistent with the City's practice at other locations with visual impediments. Staff has spoken with the Northeast Civic Association and they are opposed to this request because parking supply is very limited in this area. The Police Department's accident database was checked and in the past five years there have been no accidents at this location. Staff is recommending denial of the request because of the limited parking supply and the good safety record of the intersection.

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DOCKET ITEM: 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:

1. Install NO PARKING restrictions on the 1100 block of Wythe Street on the north side of the street for street cleaning from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Mondays.
2. Install NO PARKING restrictions on the 700 block of North Fayette Street on the east side of the street for street cleaning from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Mondays.
3. Install NO PARKING restrictions on the 1100 block of Madison Street on the north side of the street for street cleaning from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Monday and the south side from Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M..
4. Install NO PARKING restrictions on the 700 block of North Henry Street on the west side of the street for street cleaning from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Mondays.

APPLICANT: Braddock Lofts Condominium

LOCATION: 1100 block of Wythe Street, 700 block North Fayette Street,
1100 block of Madison Street, 700 block of North Henry Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by the residents/Owners of Braddock Lofts Condominium. They would like for the 700 block North Fayette Street, the 700 block of North Henry Street, the 1100 block of Wythe Street and the 1100 block of Madison Street be added to the existing street cleaning schedule. A petition was submitted by the residents of the Braddock Lofts Condominium.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request that the unit block of Wales Alley operate in the eastbound direction only.

APPLICANT: City Of Alexandria

LOCATION: The unit block of Wales Alley between South Union and the Strand.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

DISCUSSION: Wales Alley is a public alley that currently operates with two way traffic between South Union Street and the Strand. On May 4, 2010 the Planning Commission approved Special Use Permit (SUP) 2010-0010(A) allowing the operation of a restaurant featuring moderately priced “comfort food” and specialty “craft” beers. The approved SUP also allows for outdoor dining in a portion of Wales Alley. To accommodate the outdoor dining, the SUP also approved converting the alley from two-way to one-way operation but did not stipulate in which direction the alley was to operate. This issue was brought before the Traffic and Parking Board at the July 2010 meeting and the Board deferred this issue and requested that staff provide traffic data to support staffs recommendation. Traffic data was collected and showed that nearly two-thirds of the Wales Alley traffic is headed in the eastbound direction, thus, supporting staff’s recommendation that the alley operate one-way in the eastbound direction. This recommendation is further supported because the unit block of King Street operates one-way in the westbound direction away from Union Street. The amount of westbound traffic was so low as to be considered negligible. The peak westbound flow was only seven vehicles in one hour which is one car every nine minutes.

The conversion of Wales Alley from two way operation to one way operation will require the posting of DO NOT ENTER signs as well as ONE WAY and turn prohibition signs.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove the existing TWO-HOUR PARKING 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY EXCEPT HOLIDAYS restrictions in front of 632 South Fairfax Street, and the 2 spaces in front of 213 Franklin Street and replaced with District 1, THREE-HOUR RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY restrictions.

APPLICANT: Ms. Joyce Stevens, 630 South Fairfax Street

LOCATION: 632 South Fairfax Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stevens owns the commercial building on the northeast corner of South Fairfax Street and Franklin Street. The businesses that occupied this building moved out several years ago and the buildings have stood idle and closed ever since then. Ms. Stevens has no intention of leasing the buildings again and would like for the existing signs to be replaced with the standard District 1, three-hour residential permit signs as found throughout the surrounding neighborhood. This commercial building is located in a residential area, and the current restrictions hinder residents from effectively using approximately 100 feet of parking space during the daytime hours. In addition, the proposed change would not prohibit patrons from parking in these spaces if the commercial building ever reopened, but would allow three hours of parking for non-permits holders.

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DOCKET ITEM: 10

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to change the 2011 Saint Patrick's Day Parade route.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION: 800 block King Street to north on 100 block North Lee Street to the end at 100 block of Cameron Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend approval of the new parade route to City Council

DISCUSSION: The change in the parade route was initiated by the Ballyshaners, the parade organizer, and the City of Alexandria. The proposed route change is expected to reduce parade costs by \$7,000 and to reduce the impact on regional transportation. The old route took the parade down King Street through most of Old Town and impacted north-south traffic on all the major arterials including Henry Street, Patrick Street and Washington Street. The new parade route will start at the intersection of King Street and Alfred Street and the parade will travel eastbound on King Street to Lee Street at which point the parade will travel one block north on N. Lee Street and terminate at Cameron Street. This new route allows North and Southbound Route 1 to remain open for the duration of the event. However, Washington Street will be closed to traffic at Duke Street (northbound) and Princess Street (southbound) and detoured to Route 1 (north and south). The viewing areas will remain on Royal Street as in previous years. The date of the parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2011 and the parade is expected to last approximately 1.5 hours and will end at approximately 2 P.M. New impacts for residents will be at the formation area on Alfred Street between Princess and Prince Streets in the form of closed streets and parking removal.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to convert the right-hand southbound travel lane to metered parking on the 300 block of John Carlyle Street between Duke Street and John Carlyle Circle.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION: 300 block John Carlyle Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request

DISCUSSION: The construction of the park in the center of John Carlyle Circle narrowed the circle from two travel lanes to one lane. The segment of Carlyle Street between Duke Street and the Circle has two southbound travel lanes. This segment of Carlyle Street needs to be changed because there are now two lanes attempting to enter into one travel lane in the circle.