CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2015 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

D O C K E T

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.

2. Approval of the October 26, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Recommendation by the Hack Inspector's Office that Mr. Abbasi's driver's permit, #1037, be suspended for 20 days for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-60 (A)(13) Rude or discourteous conduct towards a passenger

5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to expand the taxi stand on the north side of the 2000 block of Ballenger Avenue.

6. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity (Certificate) into a permanent Certificate.

7. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to post "No Thru Truck" restrictions on West Rosemont Avenue between Russell Road and Commonwealth Avenue.

8. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install Stop signs on the Potomac Street/Pommander Walk Street approaches to the intersection of Potomac Street and Franklin Street.

9. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Randy Cole, Elizabeth Jones, Melissa McMahon and Kevin Beekman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.

2. Approval of the September 28, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Ms. McMahon to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No one from the public provided comments

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to extend the existing permit parking boundary of the 800 block of Green Street to include the entire 900 block of Green Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Nathan Barry, Mr. Clifford Willeninc and Mr. Webster Ye opposed the request. Mr. Robert Neary, Mrs. Maureen Dvgan, and Mrs Carla Baglione, Mrs Holley Neary, and Mrs. Casey Keplinger spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. Ms. McMahon noted that the docket was incorrect and that the Board would be making a recommendation to the City Manager and not the Director of T&ES on this matter.

BOARD ACTION:
Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to defer action and to have staff meet with the neighborhood to address the concerns expressed by the speakers. The motion failed with Mr. Beekman and Mr. Lewis voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Johnson, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Cole, Ms. Jones and Ms. McMahon voting in opposition to the motion.

Mr. Cole made a second motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to install two-hour, 8AM to 11PM, Monday through Saturday, District 1 residential parking restrictions on the 900 block of Green Street on the block face portions that were supported by the petition. The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Cole, Ms. Jones and Ms. McMahon

voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Beekman and Mr. Lewis voting in opposition to the motion.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add 2-hour parking 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday to the eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Suzanne Pyles, resident of 1727 King Street, Alexandria VA 22309, spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation to add 2-hour parking restriction, from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday to the eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax Street where appropriate. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post NO TURN ON RED restrictions on all approaches to the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Braddock Road.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ravi Raut presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to post NO TURN ON RED restrictions on all approaches to the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Braddock Road. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking on the south side of East Glebe Road between Clifford Avenue and the driveway at 411 East Glebe Road, Boyles Motors.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Stephen Walz, Ms. Pat Miller, and Ms. Paula Winchester spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. McMahon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to approve staff's recommendation to remove parking on the south side of East Glebe Road between Clifford Avenue and the Boyles Motors driveway at 411 East Glebe Road; and add stripping for the right turn lane at the eastbound approach. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

Mr. Bob Garbacz updated the Board on the Duke and West Taylor Run project as well as the proposed speed limit reduction on North Quaker Lane and Seminary Road that would be coming before the Board in November.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

APPLICANT: CITY OF ALEXANDRIA HACK OFFICE

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Recommendation by the Hack Inspector's Office that Mr. Abbasi's driver's permit, #1037, be suspended for 20 days for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-60 (A)(13): Rude or discourteous conduct towards a passenger

LOCATION: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Abbasi's driver's permit, #1037, be suspended for 20 days for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-60 (A)(13),: Rude or discourteous conduct towards a passenger.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Abbasi has received three complaints over the last three years. Mr. Abbasi received a one-day suspension for the first complaint and a five-day suspension for the second complaint. The third complaint against Mr. Abbasi, shown in Attachment 1, was raised by Ms. Jenah Zweig. Ms. Zweig states that Mr. Abbasi behaved in a rude and threatening manner when she requested that he close the windows and turn on the air conditioner in the cab. Mr. Abbasi denies yelling or threatening Ms. Zweig, but indicated that she was sick and needed to see a doctor. In addition to the suspension, the Hack Office is accessing Mr. Abbasi a civil penalty for failure to keep manifests for 12 months. The documentation from the Hack Inspector's Office for the suspension and the civil penalty is shown in Attachments 2.

Attachment 1

-----Original Message-----
From: Jenah Zweig [mailto:jenah.zweig@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:04 PM
To: Zari Karimian
Subject: Formal complaint

Zari,

I'm filing a formal complaint regarding cab number 1648. I was riding home from the airport, and asked the driver to put up the windows (because I was having ear trouble from the plane and the air from the window was making it worse). I asked several times. At first, he ignored me. Then he said he couldn't hear what I was saying. And when I spoke up more, he then screamed at me, saying I was yelling.

Then, the cab was stuffy, so I asked for air. He refused and started screaming at me some more.

If it was not so late at night and if I did not fear for my safety, I would have gotten out of the cab. Instead, I had to listen to him scream and berate me the entire way home, leaving me truly speechless. I did not say a word because I was truly fearful for my safety and well being.

When I got out of the cab, he screamed at me more, and called me mental, saying I needed a doctor... All for asking for the windows up and some AC... I have never been treated this way in my life.

As a new DC resident who moved here from Atlanta, this encounter has left me shaken, upset and distressed. I hope for your sake you do not allow this man to represent this company any longer. He should not be driving a cab because I truly think he will blow up and actually hurt someone one day.

Sincerely,

Jenah

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typos or errors.
Thank you.

Attachment 2

HACK INSPECTOR INFRACTION NOTICE

Date	Time	Location	Case #
09/22/15	**2250 hrs.**	**NATIONAL AIRPORT**	**15-009**

Cab Company **VIP**	Vehicle Permit # **1648**
Driver **Abbasi, Hafizullah**	Driver Permit # **1037**
Vehicle Owner **SAME**	Hack Inspector **C. L. McCLISH**

Action Taken: ____ **Infraction Warning Issued To Driver**

____ **Driver Suspended For ___ Days**

__✓__ **Driver Docketed For The Traffic & Parking Board**

___	9-12-56 (B)	Manifest violation
___	9-12-60 (A) (4)	Failure to keep a taxicab in good order or safe repair
___	9-12-41	Operating a taxicab for hire without a Drivers Permit
___	9-12-71	Operating a taxicab for hire without a Vehicle Permit
___	9-12-5 (A)	Providing false statement on a Driver / Vehicle Permit application
___	9-12-131 (A)	Expired meter seal
___	9-12-6 (A)	Operating a taxicab without insurance
___	9-12-81 (3)	No or incorrect rate charts
___	9-12-56 (A)	Failure to report an accident within 24 hours to the Hack Office
✓	9-12-60 (A)(13)	Rude or discourteous conduct towards a passenger
___	9-12-57 (L)	Refusal to carry passenger(s)
___	9-12-60 (A) (1)	Violation of any law involving moral turpitude
___	9-12-60 (A) (5)	Repeated traffic violations of local, state or federal law

__✓__ OTHER INFRACTION **Failure to keep manifests for 12 months (civil penalty)**

I have been advised by Hack Inspector, _____ , that I have the right to appeal the suspension of my Driver Permit to the Traffic and Parking Board within 5 days of the date of this Notice. **I do not wish to appeal and would prefer to serve my suspension immediately.**

SIGNED:_____ DATE: _____

I wish to appeal the suspension imposed by the Hack Inspector to the Traffic and Parking Board.

SIGNED:_____ DATE: _____

Case #	Driver	Driver Permit No
15-009	Abbasi, Hafizullah	1037

HACK INSPECTOR INFRACTION NOTICE STATEMENT OF FACTS

On 10/02/15 at 1050 hours I called Ms. Zweig reference the attached complaint she made to VIP cab. Ms. Zweig's statements over the phone were the same as her email complaint with the addition of when she first entered the cab she twice told the cab driver her destination and the driver said he couldn't hear her. When Ms. Zweig spoke louder the driver screamed at her for yelling. She also added that when exiting the cab and after being told she was mental and needed a doctor the driver stated " I have never been treated this way in my life". Ms. Zweig in closing said that she was fearful for her safety during the ride and was fearful for future passengers of this taxi driver.

On 10/08/15 at 1315 hours this Hack Inspector interviewed Mr. Abbasi, at the Hack Office, regarding the complaint from Ms. Zweig. Mr. Abbasi remembered the incident and stated that he never yelled at the passenger. He did state that he had trouble hearing the passengers destination and asked for it to be repeated. He also remembered her asking for the windows to be closed but stated she was talking on her phone and he didn't think she was communicating with him so he ignored her at first and then he closed the windows on the second request. She then yelled at him to close the windows and he realized that the back windows were still partially down and he closed them. A short time later he said the passenger requested the air conditioner be turned on and Mr. Abbasi stated that it was 66 degrees outside at that time and she wanted the windows up and he would not turn the air conditioner on. Mr. Abbasi did state that at the destination the passenger made a statement about her treatment by him and he did state "you are sick and need to see a doctor".

When I told Mr. Abbasi that his refusal to turn on the air conditioner and his comments were unacceptable he stated that this is a tough job and sometimes people can be unreasonable. He then followed up by asking if it was 95 degrees outside and a passenger requested the heat on should I put it on.

Prior to this interview I requested Mr. Abbasi to bring in his manifest for todays meeting. When he arrived he brought a manifest that had no entries since 7/14/15 and did state that he had stopped keeping a manifest at that time but resumed on 10/07/15 when I requested it for this meeting. It should also be noted that I did not tell Mr. Abbasi the nature of our scheduled meeting until his arrival on 10/08/15.

HACK INSPECTOR INFRACTION NOTICE

Date	Time	Location	Case #
03-04-14	1450 hrs.	Hack Office	14-004

Cab Company **V I P**	Vehicle Permit # **1648**
Driver **Abbasi, Hafizullah**	Driver Permit # **1037**
Vehicle Owner **Same**	Hack Inspector **M. Rosson**

Action Taken: ____ **Infraction Warning Issued To Driver**

_√_ **Driver Suspended For** _5_ **Days**

____ **Driver Docketed For The Traffic & Parking Board**

___	9-12-56 (B)	Manifest violation
___	9-12-60 (A) (4)	Failure to keep a taxicab in good order or safe repair
___	9-12-41	Operating a taxicab for hire without a Drivers Permit
___	9-12-71	Operating a taxicab for hire without a Vehicle Permit
___	9-12-5 (A)	Providing false statement on a Driver / Vehicle Permit application
___	9-12-131 (A)	Expired meter seal
___	9-12-6 (A)	Operating a taxicab without insurance
___	9-12-81 (3)	No or incorrect rate charts
___	9-12-56 (A)	Failure to report an accident within 24 hours to the Hack Office
_√_	9-12-60 (A)(13)	Rude or discourteous conduct towards a passenger
___	9-12-57 (L)	Refusal to carry passenger(s)
___	9-12-60 (A) (1)	Violation of any law involving moral turpitude
___	9-12-60 (A) (5)	Repeated traffic violations of local, state or federal law

_√_ OTHER INFRACTION **9-12-60(A)(8) Failure to serve the public adequately**

I have been advised by Hack Inspector, M. ROSSON, that I have the right to appeal the suspension of my Driver Permit to the Traffic and Parking Board within 5 days of the date of this Notice. **I do not wish to appeal and would prefer to serve my suspension immediately.**

SIGNED: Hafizullah Abbasi DATE: 4-14-14

I wish to appeal the suspension imposed by the Hack Inspector to the Traffic and Parking Board.

SIGNED:_____ DATE: _____

STARTED SUSPENSION ON 4-14-14 12:30PM AND CAN
PICK UP HIS PERMITS AND BE REINSTATED ON 4-18-14
AT 12 NOON. INSP. M. R...

14-004

Driver	Driver Permit No
Abbasi, Hafizullah	**1037**

HACK INSPECTOR INFRACTION NOTICE STATEMENT OF FACTS

This complaint was filed by Annise A. Stevenson, Work Phone# 703-682-6586 and Cell# 571-278-1199 via email to me with a CC to zari@alexandriavip.com. The nature of this Rude or Discourteous complaint is contained in an email, which is attached to this complaint form. On 03-04-14 at approx. 1450 hrs., I interviewed Mr. Abbasi at the hack office and made a copy of his manifest for 02-23-14, which listed the trip in question (see attached). Mr. Abbasi remembered this trip and advised that it was one female with one suitcase that he picked up from Regan National Airport. Mr. Abbasi advised that this lady wanted him to take her to 4300 Wilson Blvd. in Arlington, with the route he took, Washington Blvd. to 10th. St. to Wilson Blvd. where he made a left turn and drove approx. 1 1/4 mile, 4300 Wilson Blvd. (Office building) was across the street. Mr. Abbasi advised that he wanted to let her out there, but she told him to drive a little further, that there was a back entrance to the building. Mr. Abbasi advised that he went to the next intersection, which was Glebe Rd. and observed a No U Turn sign, so he made a left turn on Glebe Rd., but then noticed that where she wanted him to turn was a No Left Turn and a No U Turn sign posted, as well as the next left turn after that, so he turned right on Carlin Springs Rd. Mr. Abbasi advised that he looked around and told the lady that "Mam I am going to get you there", but she was not in a good mood, thereafter she asked him to stop the cab and let her out, which he did and she then went to an Exxon gas station without her suitcase and not paying him. Mr. Abbasi drove over to the Exxon gas lot, where the lady said that she was going to report him and he said go ahead. Mr. Abbasi said the fare was $23.28 and she paid him with a credit card, advising her "I hope the signature is right", thereafter taking her suitcase out of the trunk and sitting it on the ground". Mr. Abbasi said that she was approx. 70 yards from her destination. I questioned Mr. Abbasi regarding Ms. Stevenson statement and he denied making any of the obscene remarks alleged by Ms. Stevenson, did not throw her suitcase on the ground, never yelled or raised his voice towards her and did not threaten her. This is the second Rude or Discourteous complaint filed against Mr. Abbasi by a female passenger (See attached) with in 9 months. Prior to that there were no complaints on file with the hack office and Mr. Abbasi has been an Alexandria taxi driver for 20 years. I served Mr. Abbasi with a summons to appear before the Traffic & Parking board on 03-24-14 at 1930 hrs to answer the above charge. I briefed Ms. Stevenson on my interview with Mr. Abbasi and requested that she attend the Traffic & Parking Board hearing on 03-24-14, but she could not commit to same at that time.

2 charges

HACK INSPECTOR INFRACTION NOTICE

Date	Time	Location	Case #
05-13-13	1530 hrs.	Hack Office	13-010

Cab Company **V I P**	Vehicle Permit # **1648**
Driver **Hafizullah Abbasi**	Driver Permit # **1037**
Vehicle Owner **Same**	Hack Inspector **M. Rosson**

Action Taken: ____ **Infraction Warning Issued To Driver**

__✓__ **Driver Suspended For __1__ Days**

____ **Driver Docketed For The Traffic & Parking Board**

___	9-12-56 (B)	Manifest violation
___	9-12-60 (A) (4)	Failure to keep a taxicab in good order or safe repair
___	9-12-41	Operating a taxicab for hire without a Drivers Permit
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___ OTHER INFRACTION **Failure to keep manifests for 12 months (civil penalty)**

I have been advised by Hack Inspector, **M. Rosson**, that I have the right to appeal the suspension of my Driver Permit to the Traffic and Parking Board within 5 days of the date of this Notice. **I do not wish to appeal and would prefer to serve my suspension immediately.**

SIGNED: Hafizullah Abbasi DATE: 8-2-13

I wish to appeal the suspension imposed by the Hack Inspector to the Traffic and Parking Board.

SIGNED:_____ DATE: _____

TO START 1 DAY SUSPENSION AT 2:30PM ON 8.5.13
COMPLETED SUSPENSION AND WAS RE-INSTATED ON 8.6.13 3PM
FORWARDED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ON 8.7.13

ıse #	Driver	Driver Permit No
13-010	**Hafizullah Abbasi**	**1037**

HACK INSPECTOR INFRACTION NOTICE STATEMENT OF FACTS

Ms. Supriya Jaiswal, Phone , reports that on 05-12-13 at approx. 2115 hrs. she got into VIP Cab #1648 and told the driver that she wanted to go to the Gaylord Hotel at National Harbor. Ms. Jaiswal advised that the driver told her that she could not have luggage inside the cab, so he placed her luggage in the trunk. Ms. Jasiwal stated that while enroute the driver was exceeding the speed limit and started watching TV in a foreign language on a small tablet device that was placed in front of the steering wheel. Ms. Jasiwal advised that she told the driver to turn off the TV , thereafter he replied " I am a very experienced driver and if we get into an accident, I will be more affected than you" and refused to turn same off. Ms. Jaiswal said that she was concerned for her safety.

Ms. Jasiwal advised that upon arrival to her destination the meter read $28 plus change and the driver told her with extras the fare would be $31 plus change, which was fine with her. Ms. Jasiwal gave the driver her charge card, thereafter the driver asked her if she wanted to add anything extra. Ms. Jasiwal advised she told the driver "No, I am not going to tip you, because you would not turn off the TV when I asked you to do so". Ms. Jasiwal said the driver then told her that he was going to add an extra 6 percent to the fare". Ms. Jasiwal told the driver that she was not going to pay the extra 6 percent fee, thereafter the driver handed her an I phone with a swipe device minus the 6 per cent fee. Ms. Jasiwal advised that she signed the screen with her finger and handed it back to the driver, who said the signature was not good enough. Ms. Jasiwal advised that since this driver was irate and argumentative, she got out of the cab and went into the hotel to seek assistance. Ms. Jasiwal advised that two gentlemen came outside and told the driver the signature was good enough, thereafter her luggage was retrieved from the trunk and the driver left .

On 05-17-13 at 1450 hrs., I interviewed Mr. Abbasi at the hack office and he remembered this trip. Mr. Abbasi advised that on the above trip her luggage was dirty and he does not allow luggage inside his cab, because he is afraid the luggage will leave marks on the seat. Mr. Abbasi admitted to watching TV while driving, but moved same to the cup holder when asked to do so and did exceed the speed limit on this trip. Mr. Abbasi said the passenger remarked to him that she did not feel safe. Mr. Abbasi said the lady appeared angry and unhappy and he did not know why she went into the hotel to get help. Mr. Abbasi said when asked if he yelled or raised his voice at the passenger, he said no. Mr. Abbasi said using a charge card cost him extra, but he did not charge the passenger for using the charge card. Mr. Abbasi confirmed he had an issue with the passengers quick signature and did ask for her drivers license, thereafter was told that she did not have a drivers license. I asked Mr. Abbasi for the last 12 months worth of manifests and he replied I don't have any at all. I recommend a 1 day suspension for being rude & discourteous and a civil penalty for failing to have 12 months worth of manifests. Ms. Jasiwal was advised of this recommendation.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

FROM: CITY OF ALEXANDRIA HACK OFFICE

DOCKET: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to expand the taxi stand on the north side of the 2000 block of Ballenger Avenue.

LOCATION: 2000 block of Ballenger Avenue, north side of the street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommend to the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services to extend the taxi stand on the north side of the 2000 block of Ballenger Avenue by three parking spaces.

DISCUSSION:
Inspector Robinson of the Alexandria Hack Office is requesting that the taxi stand on the 2000 block of Ballenger be expanded to meet the demand for taxicab service, as shown in Attachment 1. The existing taxi stand was approved when the Westin Hotel was constructed. Since the Westin Hotel opened, the demand for the taxi stand has increased, and additional space is needed to accommodate all of the taxicabs waiting for passengers. When the taxi stand overflows, taxis double park, blocking the vehicle lane, or taxis park in the metered parking spaces. This creates an unsafe situation as drivers jockey for a space in the cab stand. Expanding the taxi stand as proposed will improve safety in this location and help improve the order and operation of the taxi stand. Attachment 2 shows the proposed expansion locations for the cab stand.

Staff assessed the site on several occasions and confirmed that there are more cabs than the stand can accommodate. Staff also contacted the Carlyle Community Council and they were in support of this proposal.

Staff acknowledges the concern about the taxicab stand at the King Street Metro Station. The Washington Metropolitan Transit Agency has jurisdiction over the metro station and would need to make any required changes. The size and layout of the King Street Metro Station does not lend itself to expanding the current taxicab stand. This station will be reconstructed in the near future and the plans call for an expanded taxi stand along Diagonal Road which will help mitigate this problem.

Attachment 1

From: David Robinson
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2015 1:09 PM
To: Bob Garbacz
Subject: parking issues for cabs

Good afternoon Bob. We have an ongoing parking complaint on cabs at the Weston Hotel in the 2000 block of Ballenger Ave. There is only two spaces there. During busy times there are often 5-6 competing for those spaces, often parking illegally. Around the corner in the 500 block of Dulaney Dr. there is a cab stand that is most often filled with other vehicles. I'd like you to consider making those spaces regular meter parking and expanding the cab stand on Ballenger to meet the need there.

We have a similar problem at the King St. Metro. The spaces provided for cabs does not match the demand. I'd like you to consider expanding the length of the cab stand there. The complaint there usually comes from trolley drivers that have a hard time squeezing between the now illegally parked cabs and the last two metered spaces on the lot. These metered spaces are often not filled and we may be eliminate those last two spaces to provide more space if the cab stand were lengthened.

Let me know if we can meet to look at these issues sometime.

Thanks. Dave.

Inspector David G. Robinson

Alexandria Police Department

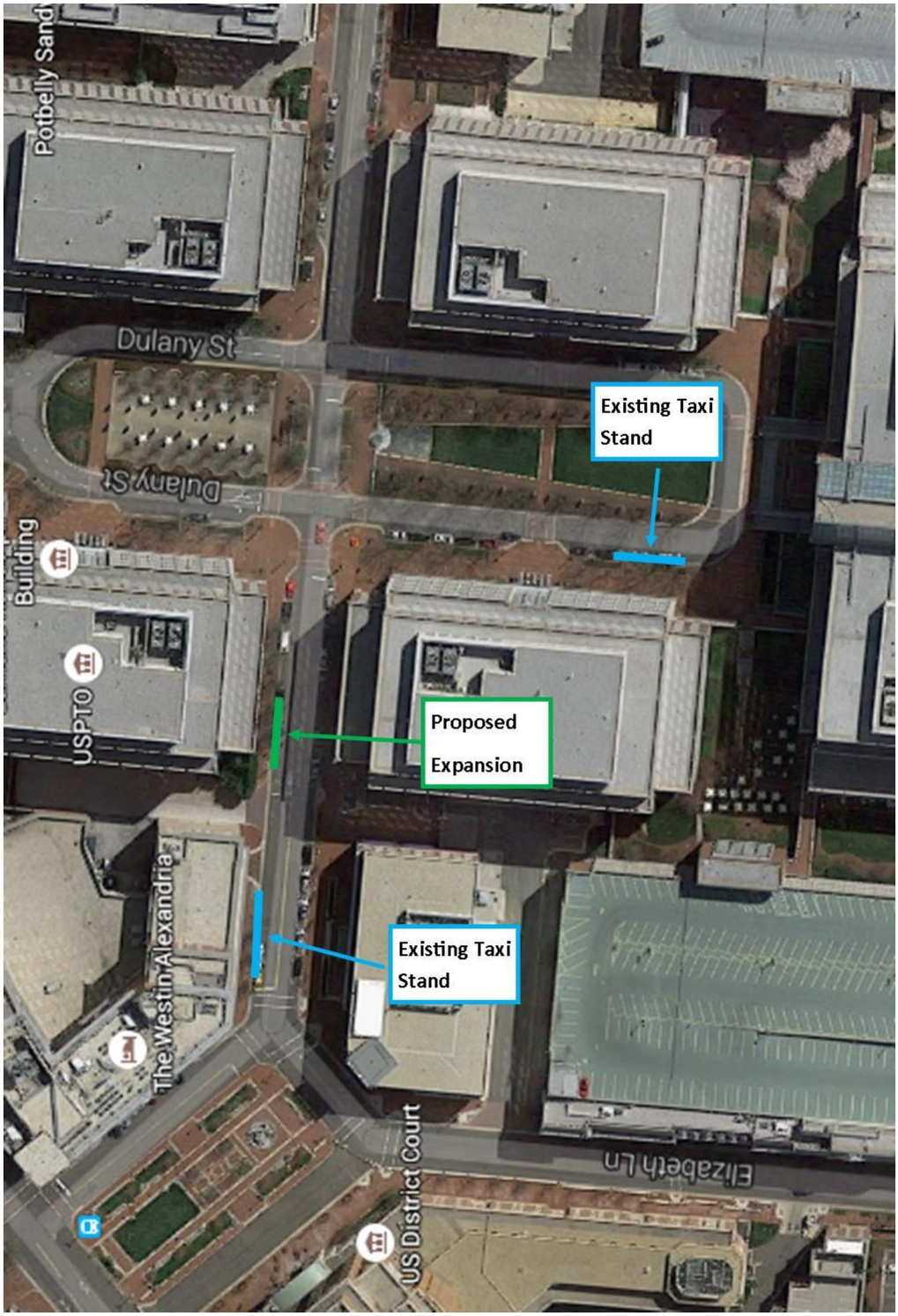
Operations Support Bureau

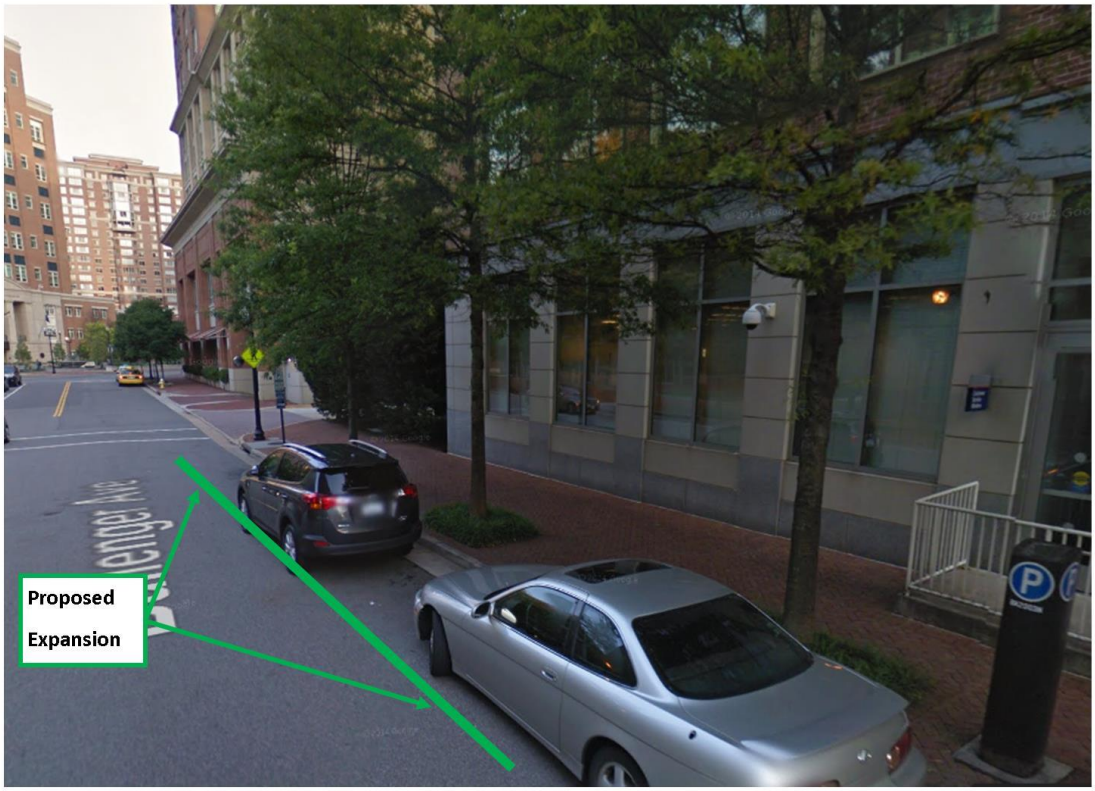
Hack Office

Office: 703-746-6240

Cell: 571-447-7909

Attachment 2




Proposed
Expansion

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

APPLICANT: KING CAB COMPANY

DOCKET: 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity into a permanent certificate.

LOCATION: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends denying the request.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Robert Lee Watkins, King Cab 557, served the City of Alexandria for over 35 years and held a grandfathered certificate public convenience and necessity with King Cab., and has Mr. Watkins recently retired, and King Cab is requesting that the grandfathered certificate be made into a permanent certificate, as shown in Attachment 1.

At their March 15, 2014 Public Hearing, City Council approved giving the Traffic and Parking Board authority to convert grandfathered certificates into permanent certificates.. A grandfathered certificate holder's parent taxi company must come before the Traffic and Parking Board to request that the certificate become permanent. The text of the approved ordinance is as follows:

Sec. 9-12-35 Grandfathered certificates.
A certificate which was issued to an individual owner or driver prior to February 15, 1983, and remains in force and effect, including by renewal, on and after July 1, 2005, shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) the original holder of such an individual certificate may change affiliation at any time and for any reason, subject to compliance with the provisions of this section.
(b) the provisions of section 9-12-32 shall not be applicable to renewals of grandfathered certificates held by an individual owner or driver.

(c) grandfathered certificates may only be transferred in the manner set forth in the following section (d).

Upon the holder's departure from the industry, the company with whom the grandfathered certificate is at that time affiliated may request that the grandfathered certificate be converted to a standard authorization, which, if granted, shall be in addition to the number of authorizations then affiliated with the company. The Traffic and Parking Board shall consider any such request at a public hearing and will make the final determination regarding such request. The City Manager shall promulgate regulations for processing such requests and scheduling them for hearing. In the event such a request is granted, then the grandfathered certificate holder may transfer the vehicle permit in the same manner and subject to the same regulatory requirements as those vehicle permits for vehicles with standard authorizations.

Staff does not recommend converting this grandfathered certificate into a permanent affiliation with King Cab. For the past two years King Cab has been the only company unable to provide any dispatch records to the City as required by code. Staff has no way of evaluating how much service King Cab provides to the residents of Alexandria. King Cab's request to make this grandfathered certificate permeant fails to address how this action will improve service to the public and how the public would benefit from this action.

Since Transportation Network Providers (TNCs), such as Uber and Lyft, have moved into the Washington area, they have been taking significant market away from the taxi industry. King Cab primarily serves Regan National Airport. Staff contacted the Metropolitan Washington Air Ports Authority who confirmed that the airport is currently oversaturated with taxicabs. In fact, at one time they stopped issuing airport taxi licenses to new drivers. The airport is in the process of finding a way to accommodate TNCs because the demand for the service is increasing. Staff believes that the demand for taxicabs at the airport will decrease as TNCs become more popular.

Attachment 1

August 23, 2015

King Cab Company
3706 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria VA 22305

To: *The Department of Transportation*
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

I am writing to you in regards to a transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity #19 to King Cab Company.

Mr. Robert Lee Watkins, the owner of certificate #19, recently retired due to increase in age. King Cab has tried to meet all necessary measures that are required for a transfer to another driver. We have fulfilled all that has been asked of us, and now we are asking for your assistance in granting us the continued operation of this certificate. Card number 557 was associated with Mr. Robert L. Watkin's certificate #19.

The King Cab Company has operated as a minority cab company for over 40 years in the City of Alexandria. We have had the lowest average stand due ranging from $30 to $70, in comparison to other companies in Alexandria that are as high as $210. This certificate we are mentioning has served the public for over 35 years under the guidance of our company. We would greatly appreciate the consideration of this as a deciding factor in the ultimate decision that will be made. We feel we deserve the opportunity to retain certificate #19.

The loss of this certificate by King Cab would instantly decrease our quantity of drivers and stand dues received. Larger companies can absorb a loss of certificate with less impact throughout, in comparison to a smaller cab company like ours. If we do not retain #19, the level of service we can provide to the City of Alexandria will be negatively affected. If one looks past the fact that this is simply a single issuance, the continuing operation of this certificate would mark an opportunity for a new driver to contribute 10 hours a day to the interests of the public within our city. It can signify a small step towards improving the job opportunities in our community.

In conclusion, I ask that you approve keeping Certificate #19 for King Cab so that we can provide a high level of service to the public, while competing with the other cab companies in Alexandria.

Sincerely,

A. B. KARIM

Abdul Karim – King Cab Company

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

APPLICANT: DAVID NORCROSS, 10 WEST ROSEMONT AVENUE

DOCKET: 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install "No Thru Truck" signs on West Rosemont Avenue between Commonwealth Avenue and Russell Road.

LOCATION: Unit Block of West Rosemont Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommend to City Council to prohibit through truck traffic on the eastbound and westbound directions of the unit block of West Rosemont Avenue.

DISCUSSION:
In June 2015, Mr. Norcross contacted the City concerning the large number of through trucks using the unit block of West Rosemont Avenue. West Rosemont Avenue is a residential street with single family homes on both sides of the street. The cut-through trucks are using West Rosemont Avenue to traverse from Commonwealth Avenue to King Street.

Staff performed a study in September 2015 and found eight westbound trucks and six eastbound trucks between noon and 3:00 PM. This is a total of 14 trucks in a three hour period, amounting to nearly five trucks an hour. Staff performed a 24-hour study in October 2015 and found that 1,184 vehicles per day on West Rosemont Avenue, with 11 percent truck traffic. West Rosemont was not designed to accommodate heavy truck traffic. This is out of character for the street use and the pavement was not designed to take this loading.

City Code Section 10-1-1(b) states, "All definition of words and phrases contained in the state law hereby adopted shall apply to such words and phrases when used in this chapter, unless clearly indicated to the contrary." City code has no definition of truck, so it reverts to Virginia State Code which states in 46.2-100, ""Truck" means every motor vehicle designed to transport property on its own structure independent of any other vehicle and having a registered gross

weight in excess of 7,500 pounds." A "No Thru Truck" restriction will therefore prevent any vehicle in excess of 7,500 pounds transporting property from using West Rosemont Avenue as a through street.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has criteria, shown in the attachment below, for posting truck restrictions on residential streets. The unit block of West Rosemont Avenue meets these criteria.

POLICY INDEX

Commonwealth Transportation Board

Virginia Department of Transportation
Policy Division
1401 East Broad Street • Suite 1106
Phone 804.786.1830 • Fax 804.225.4700

Guidelines for Considering Requests to Restrict Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways
Approved: 10/16/2003

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia in its 2003 session amended Section 46.2-809 to provide that the Commonwealth Transportation Board, or its designee, should have the authority to prohibit or restrict the use by through truck traffic of any part of a primary highway, in addition to secondary highways, if a reasonable alternate route is provided, and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has developed Guidelines for Considering Requests to Restrict Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways that apply to any truck or truck and trailer or semi trailer combination, except a pickup or panel truck, pursuant to Section 46.2-809 of the *Code of Virginia*, which are attached hereto; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guidelines for Considering Requests to Restrict Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways, including all primary and secondary highways under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 46.2-809 of the *Code of Virginia*, is hereby adopted by this Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 46.2-809 of the *Code of Virginia* that this Board delegates the authority to approve or deny such through truck traffic restrictions for secondary highways, subject to these Guidelines adopted by this Board, to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation. The Board will retain authority to approve or deny such through truck traffic restrictions for primary highways.

Editor's Note: The Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) was established to capture all existing regulations promulgated by state agencies. For the current official version of this regulation, see 24 VAC 30-580.

Guidelines for Considering Requests to Restrict Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways
Approved: 9/15/1988

Following a review of the attached guidelines numbered 7l through 7n for considering requests for restricting through trucks on secondary highways, motion was made by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Beyer, for approval of the guidelines. Motion carried.

Section 46.1-171.2 of the *Code of Virginia* provides:

"The State Highway and Transportation Board (formerly Commission) in response to a formal request by a local governing body, after said body has held public hearings, may, after due notice and a proper hearing, prohibit or restrict the use by through traffic of any part of a secondary highway if a reasonable alternate route is provided, except in cities and any town which maintains its own streets, or any county which owns, operates and maintains its own system of roads and streets, by any truck or truck and trailer or semitrailer combination, except a pickup or panel truck, as may be necessary to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Nothing herein shall affect the validity of any city charter provision or city ordinance heretofore adopted."

To conform to requirements of the Code, the local governing body must hold a public hearing and make a formal request of the Department. To insure that all concerned have an opportunity to provide input concerning the proposed restriction and alternate route, the following must be adhered to:

(A) The public notices for the hearing must include a description of the proposed through truck restriction and the alternate route with the same termini. A copy of the notices must be provided.
(B) A public hearing must be held by the local governing body and a transcript of the hearing must be provided with the resolution.
(C) The resolution must describe the proposed through truck restriction and a description of the alternate, including termini.
(D) The governing body must include in the resolution that it will use its good offices for enforcement of the proposed restriction by the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

Failure to comply with (A), (B), (C) and (D) will result in the request being returned.

It is the philosophy of the Commonwealth Transportation Board that all vehicles should have access to the roads on which they are legally entitled to travel. Travel by any class of vehicle should be restricted only upon demonstration that it will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Following that philosophy, the Virginia Department of Transportation staff and the Commonwealth Transportation Board will consider the following criteria in reviewing a requested through truck restriction.

(1) Reasonable alternate routing is provided. To be considered "reasonable", the alternate route(s) must be engineered to a standard sufficient for truck travel. The effect on the alternate routing will be evaluated for traffic and safety related impacts. If an alternate contains a Secondary route that must be upgraded, funds must be provided from the county secondary construction funds. The termini of the proposed restriction must be identical to the alternate routing and effectively equivalent to allow a time and distance comparison to be conducted between the two routings. Also, the alternate routing must not create an undue hardship for trucks in reaching their destination.
(2) The road requested for restriction is functionally classified as local or collector.
(3) The character and/or frequency of the truck traffic on the route proposed for restriction is not compatible with the affected area. Evaluation will include safety and other traffic engineering related issues, and will take into account the volumes of truck traffic in relation to the remaining traffic as indicated by the following table:

Total Traffic Volume Ranges	Total Truck Volume Ranges
4000+	200
2000-4000	100-200
1000-2000	50-100
400-1000	20-50
250-400	13-20
50-250	3-13

(4) The engineering of the roadway and/or the accident history of the route proposed for restriction indicate that it is not suitable for truck traffic.
(5) Within 150' of the existing or proposed roadway center line there must be at least 12 dwellings per 1000 feet of roadway.
Failure to satisfy at least three (3) of the five (5) criteria will normally result in the rejection of the requested restriction.

From: david@davidanorcross.com <david@davidanorcross.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 2:40 PM
To: Justin Wilson; Nancy Lacey
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #75716: Councilman Justin Wilson Through trucks on W Rosemont Ave. Large

Dear ***Call.Click.Connect.*** User
A request was just created using ***Call.Click.Connect.*** The request ID is 75716.
Request Details:

- Name: David Norcross
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-365-2277
- Email: david@davidanorcross.com
- Service Type: Councilman Justin Wilson
- Request Description: Through trucks on W Rosemont Ave. Large trucks using Rosemont as A cut through from King St. and Commonwealth Ave (and Vic versa) are a problem of increasing frequency. May we post "no through trucks signs"? I am talking about tractor trailers,auto carriers and the like. Trees and the center island are being increasingly damaged. I have photographic evidence.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, July 1

Please take the necessary actions in responding, handling and/or updating this request at the ***Call.Click.Connect.*** staff interface.
If you need assistance with handling this request, please contact CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov or call 703.746.HELP.
This is an automated email notification of a ***Call.Click.Connect.*** request. Please do not reply to this email.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

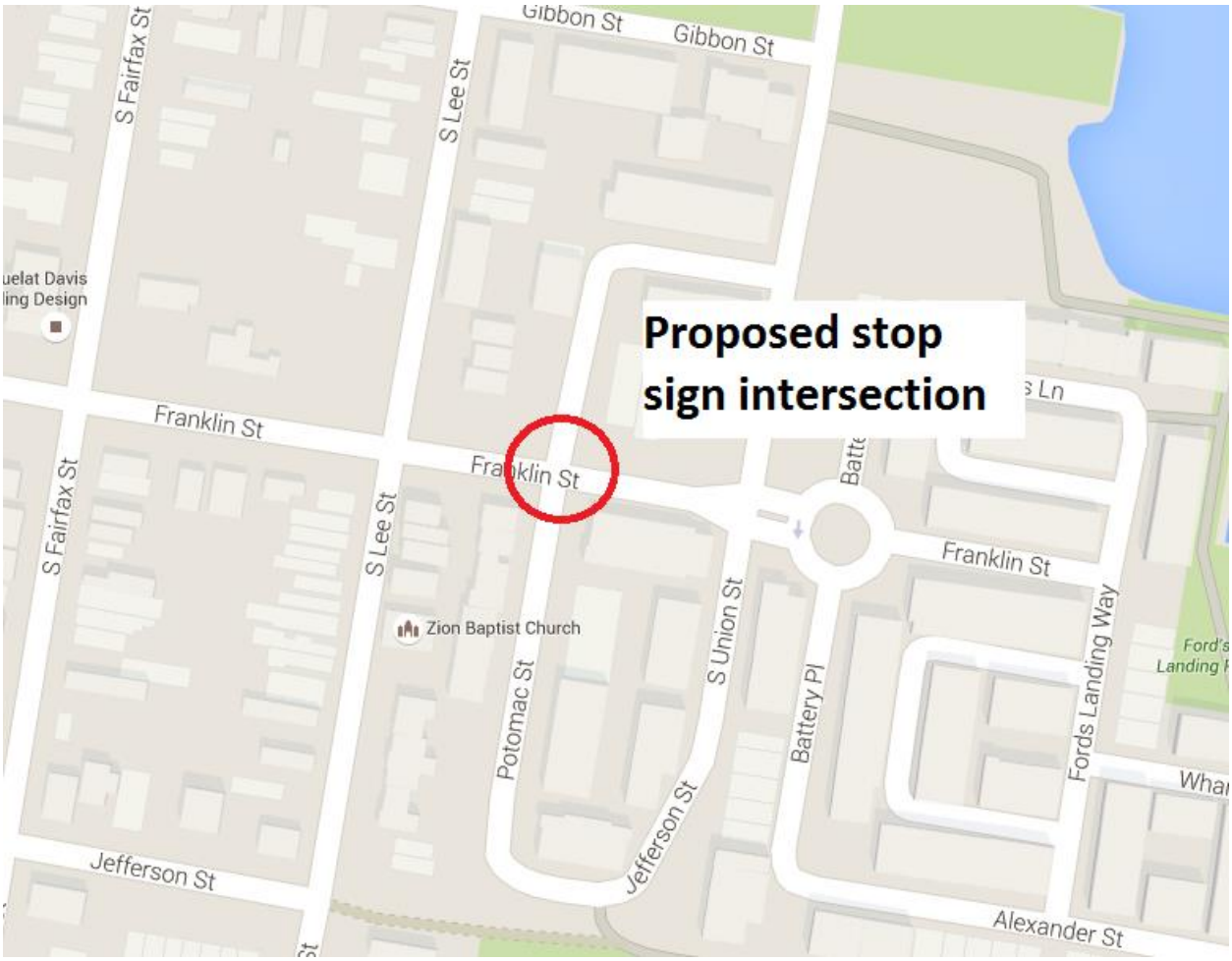
APPLICANT: PETER LUNT

DOCKET: 8

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install Stop signs on the Potomac Street and Pommander Walk Street approaches to the intersection of Potomac Street and Franklin Street.

LOCATION: Franklin Street and Potomac Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommends to the Director of T&ES the posting Stop signs on the Potomac Street and Pommander Walk Street approaches to the intersection of Potomac Street and Franklin Street.

DISCUSSION:
The intersection of Franklin Street and Potomac Street is currently not stop controlled. Staff recommends the installation of Stop signs on the Potomac Street and Pommander Walk Street approaches to the intersection to clarify which approaches to the intersection have the right of way, and to improve safety. A map of the proposed location is shown in Attachment 1.

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