

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 18306 – RPP Restriction

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The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is committed to achieving an exceptional quality of life in the nation's capital through more sustainable travel practices, safer streets and outstanding access to goods and services. As part of the review process for cases that come before the BZA, DDOT analyzes any issues that may have a significant effect on the city's transportation network. In the case at hand, the community is concerned about the potential on-street parking demand generated by the proposal. As part of the conditions for approval, the Applicant wishes to restrict its future residents from obtaining Residential Permit Parking (RPP).

DDOT has no objection to this proposed restriction, and does not believe it is inconsistent with relevant regulatory authority or current practices. According to 18 DCMR § 2411.9, "the Director may withdraw the designation of a block for residential permit parking from a block on which there are no residences with addresses only after giving thirty (30) day written notice to the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission". DDOT has searched the Residential Permit Parking Database, and has determined that the odd numbered addresses listed at 1905-1917 14th Street NW have not been set aside for residential permitted parking. Therefore, although DDOT has authority to remove a block from the RPP database, it is not necessary for DDOT to remove any portion of this block from the RPP system in order for the enforcement of this restriction to be possible since residents at this address already cannot obtain RPP.

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The Applicant is free to enforce the restriction in any way it sees fit. This could include a stipulation in a rental or purchase agreement. As it stands now, a resident of one of the 1905-1917 14th Street NW addresses cannot obtain RPP through the District Department of Motor Vehicles as the addresses have not been designated as an approved RPP block. Moreover, even if the odd numbered addresses listed at 1905-1917 14th Street NW were not already restricted from residential permitted parking, if the Board issues an order that includes a condition prohibiting residents of the building from applying for RPP stickers, then because there are no residences currently on the block and after providing the affected ANC thirty days notice, DDOT is authorized to issue a memorandum to the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles instructing them to remove the site address from the RPP system. Thus, the Applicant's stated commitment to prohibit tenants of the proposed building from obtaining RPP stickers is consistent with what has been done in other cases, and can be restricted by DDOT and the DMV in order to accomplish this goal.

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