

Zoning Commission Case No. 08-06
Comprehensive Zoning Regulations Review: Chapters B-15, B-16 & B-17

I strongly oppose those sections of the proposed regulations that will eliminate minimum parking requirements and impose maximum parking requirements in the zones within Subtitles F and H. The zones are currently mapped to include many areas near single family homes. If the minimum parking provisions are improved, our neighborhoods in Friendship Heights and Tenleytown, already subject to spillover parking, will be further degraded and less desirable. This problem will be exacerbated by the issuance of RPPs and Guest Parking passes to residents of multi-unit buildings.

Many people who use public transit to commute to work will own cars - and will require a parking place for that car when it is not in use. It is the height of shortsightedness, irresponsibility and folly to assume that new residents won't have cars and to base zoning policy on that false assumption. In the 25 years I have lived in my house, I have seen the use of my block as parking for transients increase from almost no non-resident parked cars to almost full utilization of space on weekdays and full utilization on holidays and weekends. With the transients come litter and noise.

If DC is interested in protecting its neighborhoods and continuing to attract residents, it **MUST** require parking for at least .75 spaces per unit in new buildings.

As for the possibility of residents installing parking pads on their property, I understand that we are shortly going to be assessed for the amount of impervious surface on our properties - so that option is less than attractive.

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