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Dear Zoning Commission Members;

We write as citizens and voters of the District of Columbia to urge the commission to maintain parking space minimum requirements for new residential buildings in DC. The parking situation on city streets in some parts of the city is intolerable and dangerous. In ward 1 off Connecticut Ave on Kalorama Road. and many others, two cars can barely pass each other. When there are trucks or dumpsters parked or delivery vans (USPS or UPS or Peapod) double parked because there is nowhere else to stop,, Traffic simply halts..

DC street parking should not be so scarce. It is only getting scarcer as density increases due to new construction without sufficient parking places allocated in new units. Restricting some curb parking to ward zone parking permit holders only gives residents a higher priority to hunt for space..

There are many situations where street parking is necessary for Non residents or for citizens of other wards. Most service providers (plumbers, electricians, upholstery cleaners, etc) drive in from VA or Md. They need trucks and vans for their equipment and they need somewhere to park in the immediate vicinity of the building where they are working because of the weight and bulk of their tools.

Where exactly do you propose they park when all the street parking is reserved for ward 1 residents? Contractors for our building accumulated over \$1500 in parking fines last year on one project! They simple had nowhere to legally park beyond 2 hours. More contractors are getting "emergency parking permits" to park dumpsters and equipment for 4-6 months in otherwise available on street parking spaces, in turn , reducing the spaces open to residents, guests, and service providers to near zero on some blocks..

The parking situation is frustrating, unfair, and inexcusable. It wastes fuel and increases carbon emissions as drivers (relatives, guests, and service personnel of residents) spend a half hour or more cruising streets in search of parking--And knowing they will need to move in 2 hrs even when they need to be in the area for a longer time! The proposals to reduce or abandon parking space minimums in new residential construction units while increasing population density would make the situation much worse!

Revenue to the city from parking fines seems to be one driver of the proposal. Less parking means more fines. Then there is the huge influence of the developers who would rather use space for units than parking -/ while current residents of neighborhoods are squeezed beyond tolerable limits by lack of parking for the necessities of civil life-- visits from aging handicapped parents or a service call from a plumber with a van..

These needs will not disappear and the proposal to reduce or eliminate mandated parking for new residential units does nothing to respond to the need; it only aggravates the situation.

Please do not reduce or eliminate the minimum required parking spaces within new units.

Thank you for your attention.



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