

Although little has been written about this case in the local newspapers and nothing about this case has been mailed to residents affected by it, it has been brought to my attention that major reductions in the minimum requirements for parking spaces in DC's multi-family residential buildings will be made. Apparently this includes not only those buildings proximate to metro but also those on DC's many major bus corridors which are not within walking distance of metro. Reducing the minimum parking requirements by 50% in all these areas will have an enormous impact on the silent majority who are still reliant on using cars from time to time. Without adequate parking spaces in the residential buildings, parked cars will spread across all the lovely residential neighborhoods of DC, clogging the streets, making parking near one's home impossible, and exacerbating driving the already overcrowded streets of DC.

I recommend that the implementation of the new rules be prolonged for a period that is long enough for the changes to be better communicated to the residents of DC. The hearings held from Nov 4 -14 were completely inadequate in terms of communicating with all those whose lives will be impacted by the proposed changes. I'm sure there are dozens of other changes in Case No. 08-06A which will impact me that I am not yet aware of. I further suggest that someone who truly understands the substance of the 1,000-page proposal write a comprehensive summary of the major changes, which can be read by DC residents who do not have time to wade through the arcane language of the proposal itself. There must be someone smart enough in the Office of Zoning who can do this.

Thank you for giving my comments your serious consideration.

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