

Describe the parking problem

The problem is the hours (7:30 AM to 8:30 PM Monday-Friday) for restricted parking are not at all helpful. Trying to find parking near our home in the evening after 7:00 PM Monday-Friday and weekends after 10:00 PM is next to impossible. We have a parking problem because so many RPPs are issued to renters in large apartment buildings who park on the street leaving few parking spaces for homeowners in the adjacent residential area

Our home is in **Ward 3** in the 4700 block of 32nd Street NW between Chesapeake Street NW and Davenport Street NW. 32nd Street is one block East of Connecticut Avenue and runs parallel to Connecticut. There are large apartment buildings on all 4 corners of Connecticut and Chesapeake Street and all 4 corners of Connecticut and Davenport Street. All of the buildings have adequate underground parking but renters in the apartment buildings are issued Ward 3 RPP and park their cars on the street for weeks and sometimes months at a time.

The biggest problem is in the evening after 7:00 PM Monday-Friday and weekends after 10:00 PM. If we are out and return home after 7:00 PM during the week (Mon-Friday) we cannot park anywhere near our home. It gets worse after 10:00 PM on the weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Girl friends and boy friends and partners of renters in the apartment buildings park on 32nd Street on Friday evening and leave their cars the entire weekend.

Indicate the streets and blocks most affected

32nd Street NW -- 4700 Block

Include which days and at what times

Monday - Friday after 7:00 PM Friday, Saturday Sunday after 10:00 PM

The parking enforcers drive around during the week, early day Monday-Friday but finding parking this time of day is not usually a problem because most people are at work and they drive their cars to work.

Describe (to the best of your knowledge) why the level of parking congestion is high (what is "generating" the parking demand).

There are a number of reasons why there is a parking demand. (1) First there are **large** apartment buildings on all 4 corners of Chesapeake and Connecticut and all 4 corners of Davenport and Connecticut. Renters in the apartment buildings apply for and are issued Ward 3 RPP rather than use parking in their building. (2) The renters park on 32nd Street NW because it is in close proximity to their apartment buildings on Connecticut Avenue. (3) The renters leave their cars parked in front of residential homes for weeks on end and sometimes months on end. Consequently there is less parking on the street for homeowners.

Recommendations/Options to solve problem:

1. Establish restricted RPP Sections 3 Zones for homeowner only in front of their home at all times (seven days a week Sunday-Saturday). Homeowners who opt for this convenience would pay an additional fee for the signage and special RPP permit. The rest of the block would continue under the current posted rules for parking for both residents holding RPP and visitors. This is done on Capitol Hill on D Street SE between First and Second Streets SE and on residential side streets adjacent to 8th Street in the Barracks Row and Eastern Market area and parts of Woodley Park area adjacent to the National Cathedral. This is also done for Individuals With Disabilities.
2. Eliminate RPP for renters in newly built apartment buildings.
3. Do not issue RPP for new renters who move into older apartment buildings. These buildings all have adequate parking for tenants. Current renters with RPP permits can be grandfathered in and continue to renew their permits.
4. Do not renew RPP for renters who moved into their building within the past year.
5. If RPP continued to be issued to renters increase the fee for renters to the price they would pay to park in their buildings. It seems renters know it is cheaper to pay \$35 a year for a RPP than to pay for parking in their building.

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