



## 1A ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1A

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### RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SMALL BUSINESS PARKING PERMIT ACT OF 2017 AKA B22-0125

**WHEREAS;** Councilmembers R. White, Nadeau, and Todd introduced B22-0125 aka the “Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017” on February 21, 2017;

**WHEREAS;** Bill 22-0125 proposes to extend participation in the District’s Residential Parking Permit program to small businesses with 10 employees or less that abut a street currently designated for residential permit parking;

**WHEREAS;** Every employee of a qualifying business would be eligible to participate in the program and receive a parking pass, including those who live in neighboring jurisdictions or work part-time;

**WHEREAS;** Small Business Parking Passes would be issued at a fee no greater than that currently set for residential parking passes, a fee that is currently set at \$35 per year;

**WHEREAS;** The Bill as introduced incentivizes Small Business Parking Program participants to drive to work rather than use mass transit due to the low cost of the permits, which is contrary to the District’s goals to reduce reliance on automobiles;

**WHEREAS;** ANC1A recognizes the need to find fair and balanced ways to support both small businesses and District residents, especially with long-term use and access to a finite resource such as parking on public streets;

**WHEREAS;** There has been a trend in recent years for new development in the District to deny residents access to the RPP program through restrictive covenants in exchange for zoning relief from off-street parking requirements in recognition of the limited availability of on-street residential parking in densely populated neighborhoods; and,

**WHEREAS;** The proposed legislation fails to address:

- 1) the high demand for parking on public residential streets that currently exists in Ward 1;
- 2) how small business parking permits would be managed within the context of Ward 1’s enhanced RPP program; and,

- 3) if small businesses would be permitted to participate in the RPP program if they are located in new buildings where residents have been denied participating in the RPP program through restrictive covenants.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A **opposes** B22-0125, the Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017. The Commission appreciates the effort to support small and local business in the District of Columbia but finds the bill as introduced to be lacking an equitable balance for both businesses and residents. Furthermore, the bill as introduced:

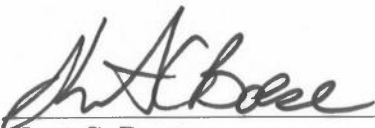
- promotes a greater overall reliance on automobiles;
- offers no rationale for extending parking benefits to non-District residents;
- does not audit the current availability of on-street parking or require DDOT to perform a transportation impact study on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis throughout the District of Columbia; and,
- does not take into account the deeply subsidized fee currently extended to District residents when setting the fee for small business parking.

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT:** the Chair of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A, the Commissioner for SMD1A08, or any member of the Executive Committee in their absence, shall be authorized to communicate this resolution to the members of the Council of the District of Columbia and all governmental agencies.

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Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 10 present at its March 8, 2017, meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A voted, with 10 Yeas, 0 Nos and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



Kent C. Boese  
Chairperson, ANC 1A



Zach Rybarczyk  
Secretary, ANC 1A

cc: Hon. Phil Mendelson  
Hon. Mary Cheh  
Hon. Robert White  
Hon. Brandon Todd  
Hon. Brianne Nadeau  
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