



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 15, 2016 Agenda Item 1 – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Voting Session

Second Reading Ordinance Eliminating the Area B Permit Parking Program

Recommended Council Action

Adopt Ordinance at Second Reading to end the Area B parking permit program, with or without the additional language shown on the draft ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

Since the First Reading of the ordinance, additional language has been proposed to allow continued parking accommodation for certain current holders of Area B permits. That language is indicated by underlining on the attached draft ordinance. The key added provision is:

“The City Manager may, in her discretion on an individual basis, provide an Area B parking permit to allow parking for residents who are current holders of Area B permits and for whom the elimination of the Area B program is a hardship, provided that only one permit per family will be granted, and further provided that the parking area for such Area B permit holders will be in a public City lot designated by the City Manager.”

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All

Environmental Impact of Action

Ending the permit program reduces the number of people who drive and park near the Takoma Metro station and helps encourage alternative modes of transportation.

Fiscal Impact of Action

This action would have a minimal fiscal impact.

Attachments and Links

Draft Ordinance

Introduced by: Councilmember Kovar

First Reading: May 18, 2016

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE #2016-22

Ordinance Eliminating the Area B Permit Parking Program

WHEREAS, the Area B Permit Parking Program was established in 1985 via Ordinance 1985-68 to assist certain residents that did not have reasonable access to the Takoma Metro station by public bus service; and

WHEREAS, the Area B Permit Parking Program criteria were changed by Ordinances 1998-24 and 2003-38; and

WHEREAS, due to bus, bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Takoma Park, reasonable access to the Takoma Metro station is available to all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the Area B Permit Parking Program is no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide a temporary accommodation to certain current holders of Area B parking permits who may face hardship with the ending of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The Area B Permit Parking Program will end effective June 30, 2016.

SECTION 2. The City Manager may, in her discretion on an individual basis, provide an Area B parking permit to allow parking for residents who are current holders of Area B permits and for whom the elimination of the Area B program is a hardship, provided that only one permit per family will be granted, and further provided that the parking area for such Area B permit holders will be in a public City lot designated by the City Manager.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: