



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 20, 2016 Agenda Item 1

Voting Session

First Reading Ordinance Extending Permit Parking Area 6 to Include the 1100 Block of Kingwood Drive

Recommended Council Action

Consider and vote on the ordinance at first reading.

Context with Key Issues

Residents of the 1100 block of Kingwood Drive petitioned in 2015 to be included in Residential Permit Parking Area 6. The area currently includes the following streets in the New Hampshire Gardens neighborhood of Ward 6: 7300-7500 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue (west side), 7300-7500 blocks of Wildwood Drive, 1100-1200 blocks of Merwood Drive, and the 1200 block of Kingwood Drive. The zone was established in 2012 and took effect in January 2013.

The New Hampshire Gardens Neighborhood Association met on October 7, 2015. According to meeting notes, when the request of residents on the 1100 block of Kingwood Drive was discussed, “there were no objections raised during the meeting. However, attendees did ask whether restricting parking on the 1100 block of Kingwood Dr. would cause people to park in other areas in the neighborhood.” Councilmember Schultz convened another meeting to discuss this request and other concerns about parking and overcrowded houses on Kingwood Drive on June 13, 2016. Those in attendance supported moving forward with the process to extend Area 6 to include the block.

The City Council heard comments from the community at a public hearing on July 13. A draft ordinance extending the permit parking zone has been prepared for Council consideration. Second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for July 27.

Council Priority

Livable Community for All; Engaged Responsive & Service-oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

\$250 for signs and materials plus the cost of installation by Public Works Department staff.

Attachments and Links

Draft first reading ordinance

Prepared by: Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk

Approved by: Suzanne R. Ludlow, City Manager

Introduced by:

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Effective Date:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-

**EXTENDING RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA 6
TO INCLUDE THE 1100 BLOCK OF KINGWOOD DRIVE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Administrative Regulation No. 99-1 (by authority of *Takoma Park Code*, Title 13, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 13.20.030, Parking Permit Areas), the City Council established Residential Permit Parking Area 6 to include the 7300-7500 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue (west side), the 7300-7500 blocks of Wildwood Drive, the 1100-1200 blocks of Merwood Drive, and the 1200 block of Kingwood Drive; and

WHEREAS, residents of the 1100 block of Kingwood Drive have petitioned the Council to include the block in the permit parking zone; and

WHEREAS, the petition was certified by the City Clerk as meeting the required percentage (at least 66%) of signatures from households on the subject block; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the certified petition, the petitioners are required to provide evidence to substantiate at least one factor (other than the desire of the residents in the area as demonstrated by signatures on the petition) being used in the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, petitioners expressed concerns about the inadequacy of available on street parking for residents; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, having heard the testimony and reviewed comments received, the Council has determined that the evidence supports inclusion of the 1100 block of Kingwood Drive in Residential Permit Parking Area 6.

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

SECTION 1. The boundaries of Residential Permit Parking Area 6 are expanded to add the 1100 block of Kingwood Drive.

SECTION 2. The days and hours for the “parking by permit only” restrictions on the 1100 block of Kingwood Drive shall be the same as those for other blocks in Residential Permit Parking Area 6, namely from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. seven days a week.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective on September 1, 2016.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: