

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
November 17, 1980

## Councilmembers present:

Mayor Abbott  
 Councilmember Garcia  
 Councilmember Holland  
 Councilmember Patrick  
 Councilmember Ramsey  
 Councilmember Ricks  
 Councilmember Saloma  
 Councilmember Weisman  
 City Administrator Gilsdorf

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Abbott at 7:30 PM.

1. Landlord-Tenant Commission request to remove Commissioner and appoint another, plus alternate. After discussion, the Mayor and Council directed the City Administrator to notify Dr. Ohemeng of his opportunity to appear before the Council and also contact Mrs. Ann Garms and Ms. Mayo Bell for interviews at the November 24 pre-Council meeting.
2. Emerging tendency to pull back general level of County services. This issue was discussed by the Mayor and Council at some length.
3. City Administrator's Reports. The City Administrator reported to the Mayor and Council on the adult book store, contact with the D.C. 4th Precinct Police, and subsequent meetings between the officers and area citizen associations.
4. Baltimore/Eastern Avenues Ride-on Bus Stops. This matter was discussed by the Mayor and Council, and it was determined that the bus stops are located in the District of Columbia and are not subject to Council action.
5. Bike Racks for City Hall. This item will appear on the agenda for the November 24 Council meeting.
6. Traffic accident on Maple Avenue. Letter concerning this matter will be presented as correspondence at the November 24. Council meeting.
7. Special Report on the Traffic Subcommittee concerning Metro Impact. This report was referred to the November 24 Council meeting as an agenda item.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Sam A. Abbott  
 Mayor

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
 City Administrator

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council

November 24, 1980

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Abbott  
ROLL CALL: Councilmember Garcia  
Councilmember Holland  
Councilmember Patrick  
Councilmember Ramsey  
Councilmember Ricks  
Councilmember Saloma  
Councilmember Weisman

## PLEDGE

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 1980

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

CITIZENS' REMARKS

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf

1. Communications
2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action
  - (1) Discussion of Maple Avenue speeding problem (Councilwoman Saloma)
  - (2) Proposed ordinance creating a 4-way stop at Fenton, Takoma & Albany Aves. (first reading)
  - (3) First reading of a proposed ordinance prohibiting parking on the southwest side of Fenton Street from Chicago Avenue to Takoma Avenue
  - (4) Appointment/removal of members of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Commission
  - (5) Special report of Traffic Subcommittee on Parking Permit Area #2 (Councilmember Saloma)
  - (6) Report on Community Development Block Grant activities (Councilmember Holland)
  - (7) Second reading of a proposed ordinance instituting traffic control and pedestrian safety measures in the Holly-Dogwood-Tulip Avenue area (Councilmember Saloma)
  - (8) Second reading of a proposed ordinance to establish No Parking zones adjacent to Ride-on bus stops in the 7600 block of Maple Avenue and the 7300 block of Takoma Avenue
  - (9) Proposed ordinance appropriating FY-80 Revenue Sharing Funds to cover one-half year's enforcement of certain sections of Montgomery County's Landlord-Tenant Relations Act in Takoma Park

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council  
November 24, 1980

## City Officials Present:

Mayor Abbott	City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilmember Garcia	Asst. City Administrator Shaffer
Councilmember Holland	City Clerk Pusti
Councilmember Patrick	Administrative Asst. Tyree
Councilmember Ramsey	Acting Chief of Police Carter
Councilmember Ricks	Public Works Director Robbins
Councilmember Saloma	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilmember Weisman	Asst. Corporation Counsel Culpepper

The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park met on November 24, 1980, at 8:04 P.M., in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the pledge, upon motion, duly seconded, the minutes of November 10, 1980 were approved by the Council.

CITIZENS' REMARKS

I. Takoma Park House and Garden Tour presentation: Design of Historic Markers for the City. Elaine LaVaute, 240 Park Avenue, member of House and Garden Tour Committee, stated that she had been asked to work on the design for the historic markers in June 1980, and had called several cities requesting information on any designs they were using; with the information she received, the design she and Mrs. Vogel agreed upon was a 22" x 22" square marker with rounded corners, dark green background with white letters, bordered circle in center of sign with the Takoma Railroad Station within it (Takoma Railroad Station is logo used by Historic Takoma, which unanimously consented to let the House and Garden Tour Committee use it). Ann Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, House and Garden Tour Committee, stated that Judy Leyshon did the drawing of the railroad station on the mock-up and will also do the final drawing for the markers if the Council approves them; Mrs. Vogel and Mrs. LaVaute have obtained cost estimates for the construction of the signs, which will be paid for by the Committee; the lettering for the markers was decided to be clear, simple printing, instead of script, to be most legible; noted that the Director of Public Works has been most helpful in advising on the installation of the signs which the Public Works Department will do; markers will be constructed of lasting rust-proof aluminum; the mock-up of the marker was approved at a general meeting of the Committee on November 6; request that the Mayor and Council approve the markers as shown, to be installed at 10 to 15 locations within the City at entrances to the City's historic districts; that decisions on where the markers will be placed have yet to be made. After a short discussion, Councilmember Weisman made a motion that the Council approve the design for the markers as shown and described; this motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Saloma, and approved by the Council unanimously.

II. Other Remarks by Citizens.

1. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue, President, North Takoma Citizens' Association: thanked the Chief of Police and Director of Public Works for the creation of a small park at corner of Chicago Avenue and the end of Block 70.

Noted the Association's support of the following: institution of a 4-way stop sign at Fenton-Albany-Takoma Avenues, the establishment of a bus loading zone on Takoma Avenue at Buffalo Avenue, prohibition of parking on Fenton Street from Takoma to Chicago Avenues; Requested that the Council contact the D.C. government about establishing bus loading zones for the Ride-on stops on Eastern at Baltimore Avenue; requested that three or four parking spaces on Eastern Avenue at its intersection with Piney Branch Road be designated for No Parking to allow for easier access to turning vehicles; asked that the Council contact Montgomery County Park and Planning about constructing a complete, well-lighted walkway through Blair Park; asked the Council to again contact Montgomery County about relocating the cement pad for a Ride-on bus stop from the front yard of 7700 Takoma Avenue to the front of the Fine Arts Pavillion; also that a new design be requested for the Juniper Street Pedestrian Bridge that would not have the grade as steep as the current design calls for; requested that the Council give some kind of recognition for Mr. Fred Dunn (possibly for the Centennial celebration), who was killed some years ago in an attempt to save a child on the B & O Railroad tracks. Noted that the County is widening the section of Fenton Street from Burlington to Chicago Avenue, the area somehow being justified as part of the Silver Spring business district, to accommodate the cars that use the street; noted that the Association would support improved turning access onto Fenton from Burlington, but did not see the need for widening the street to the proposed fifty-feet; also noted that the widening would mean taking away part of the yards from the only two houses left on Chicago Avenue. Mr. Lerner requested the Council's help in having the College's fund for land acquisition terminated; noted that the College still has a large sum of money in this fund, but that it has constructed all the buildings planned.

2. Lynne Bradley, 8112 Flower Avenue, Citizens Cable TV Advisory Committee: reminded Council and citizens of the Committee's Public Meeting on Cable TV to be held Tuesday, December 9, at 8:00 P.M., in the second floor meeting room, Municipal Building; encouraged all to attend noting that citizen input at this time is very necessary so that decisions that are made later can reflect what citizens want in Cable TV for the City; Mayor Abbott reiterated the request for public turnout.

#### ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

##### Communications

1. Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs Notice of Public Hearings. The following are dates for Public Hearings to hear landlord petitions for excessive rent increases: (all meetings held in second floor meeting room #3 of the Municipal Building, all on Wednesday) December 3, 7:00 P.M., re: 8320 Roanoke Avenue; December 3, 8:30 P.M., re: 7333 New Hampshire Avenue; December 10, 7:00 P.M., re: 8514 Flower Avenue; December 10, 8:30 P.M., re: 641 Houston Avenue; December 17, 7:00 P.M., re: 7411 Aspen Court; December 17, 8:00 P.M., re: 8304 Eastridge Avenue and 8322 Roanoke Avenue.

2. James A. Goddard, Jr., 7302 Maple Avenue: Complaint about the excessive speeding traffic on Maple Avenue; noted that his classic MG car was demolished on November 16 while parked on the street; that there have been four

other major collisions with parked cars since the beginning of 1980 and many minor collisions also; that he is afraid that if something is not done to slow the traffic, there may be injury or loss of life; requested that some action be taken immediately to correct this problem. There followed a lengthy discussion in which Mr. Steve Melov, 7302 Maple Avenue, reiterated points raised by Mr. Goddard; also noted that most accidents take place late in the evening or night. Stated that he could possibly agree with Maple Avenue being used as a thoroughfare during rush hours, but that it should be returned to local traffic during non-rush hours; noted that the City is remiss in not enforcing the County law on the volume of traffic allowed on residential streets. Mrs. Catherine Wakelyn, 7218 Holly Avenue, stated that she could appreciate the problems taking place on Maple Avenue, having been a resident of that street for six years; that the suggestions Mr. Melov had were too conservative; noted that the problems existing on Holly Avenue are not as severe as those on Maple. Mr. Melov suggested placing a stop sign in mid-block on Maple between Tulip and Philadelphia Avenues, and increased enforcement on speeding.

Councilmember Ricks disagreed that the Council has done nothing, or not enough, for the traffic problems on Maple Avenue; noted that the previous Council had been pressured into establishing parking on both sides of the street, just prior to an election, by the residents of Maple Avenue; the ordinance was enacted though he voted against it because of the dangerous situation it created. He later proposed an ordinance, which was approved, to remove parking near the Presbyterian Church on Maple Avenue because of the back-up and congestion the parked cars caused at that intersection.

Councilmember Saloma agreed that the previous Council had taken action on Maple Avenue problems, but said that many problems still exist (especially the speeding cars), and some measure must be taken now. Asked that the Council consider Mr. Melov's suggestion of placing a stop sign mid-way in the 7200-7400 block, with a cross-walk, as a temporary measure; Councilmember Weisman agreed with this and also suggested large signs notifying drivers of the new stop signs and limiting the speed limit to 15 mph. Mayor Abbott asked for the number of radar citations issued on Maple Avenue; Chief Carter stated that he did not have an exact number, but the on-going enforcement is conducted usually in the late afternoon, being shifted from Cedar, Piney Branch, Carroll and Maple Avenues; that the department has received numerous requests for more radar enforcement in other areas of the City. Councilmember Saloma stated that she did not see the situation on Maple Avenue as being a police problem, but one the Council should solve legislatively. Carl Iddings, Chairman of the Citizens Traffic Committee, stated that a subcommittee has been formed for Maple Avenue; disagreed with the installation of a stop sign, saying that police would have to be there for enforcement. Suggested speed bumps as a solution--a new type that causes the driver no problem if he is within the speed limit, but jolting the driver when he is exceeding the limit; spoke of a pilot program in the District of Columbia which utilizes such speed bumps, with the Federal Highway Administration underwriting liability for damages caused to vehicles; that the State Highway Administration, through the Federal Department of Transportation, offers a similar program. Councilmember Saloma noted her interest in using speed bumps, but noted the length of time it would take to install them as compared to erecting a stop sign, for the immediate effect of slowing traffic; requested that Chief Carter respond to the idea of the stop sign. Chief Carter

stated that he would look over the area and speak to Mr. Iddings and then report his recommendations to the Council at the next meeting.

Councilmember Saloma made a motion that the City Administrator, in cooperation with the Chief of Police, prepare an ordinance to establish a stop sign with crosswalks in a safe place in the 7200-7400 block of Maple Avenue; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Weisman. Councilmember Ricks stated his opposition to the motion, noting that he felt the stop sign would cause more problems, especially with parking on both sides of the street; that erecting a stop sign is just piecemeal as compared to the total traffic problem, which needs a comprehensive program. Mr. Jeff Reed, 7109 Cedar Avenue, stated that he thought the idea of a stop sign in the middle of the block on Maple Avenue is a good idea and that the Council could then get an idea of the amount of traffic that would move onto other streets; this would be a beginning approach. Mr. David Prosten, 7428 Carroll Avenue, agreed that the stop sign should be given a try, but the Council should watch carefully the amount of traffic that is displaced to other streets; felt that the problems with traffic should be handled on a City-wide basis, instead of one street at a time. Councilmember Holland requested that the Chief of Police decide on a safe location for the stop sign and determine where no parking should be established for the signs; Councilmember Ricks noted that the stop signs should not be placed near the crest of the hill because they may cause problems during inclement weather with sliding vehicles; Mayor Abbott questioned whether the residents of Maple Avenue still wished to retain parking on both sides of the street; Councilmember Saloma stated that although it is not a perfect solution, she has never heard anyone say that they wanted it removed. Mrs. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, stated that if parking is removed, suggested that small islands extending from the curb every so often be installed to slow traffic. When the motion to install stop signs and a crosswalk was put to a vote, it was approved by the majority of the Council, with Councilmember Ricks voting in the negative, for the reasons stated above.

2. Proposed ordinance creating a 4-way stop at Fenton, Takoma and Albany Avenues. The First Reading of the ordinance below was approved unanimously by the Council.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

- SECTION 1. THAT all eastbound traffic on Fenton Street shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Takoma Avenue, thereby creating a 4-way stop; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to install a STOP sign at the appropriate location.
- SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

3. First reading of a proposed ordinance prohibiting parking on the south side of Fenton Street from Chicago Avenue to Takoma Avenue. Councilmember Holland noted that Mr. Lerner had stated earlier in the meeting that parking along Fenton was used mainly by College students; made a motion that the ordinance be approved for First Reading; Councilmember Saloma seconded the motion. There followed a lengthy discussion concerning whether the "no parking signs" should also state "no standing"; it was decided that the ordinance could be amended at a later time to include "no standing" if it becomes necessary; the ordinance below was approved for First Reading.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

- SECTION 1. THAT all parking shall be prohibited on the south side of Fenton Street between Chicago Avenue and Takoma Avenue; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to install the appropriate signs; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

4. Appointment/removal of members of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Commission. The Mayor stated that Dr. Emmanuel Ohemeng, tenant representative on the Commission, has not attended many of the meetings, and the Chairman and Commissioners have voted that he be removed and a new tenant representative appointed; other changes have also been requested. Councilmember Holland made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Ricks, that Dr. Ohemeng be removed from the Commission; when the motion was put to a vote, it was approved by the Council. Upon motion by Councilmember Holland, seconded by Councilmember Ricks, and approved by the Council, Mr. Herman Williams (alternate tenant representative) was appointed as regular tenant representative, replacing Dr. Ohemeng. Councilmember Ricks made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Holland, that Ms. Mayo R. Bell, be appointed as alternate tenant representative to the Commission; the motion was approved by the Council. Councilmember Holland moved that Mr. Ralph Porter's status as landlord alternate be changed to regular landlord representative, replacing Mr. Ronald Payne, the former resident manager of Parkview Towers; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Ricks, and approved unanimously by the Council. Councilmember Holland made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Garcia, that Mrs. Ann Garms be appointed as an alternate landlord representative; Councilmember Ricks noted that during her interview with the Council prior to the meeting, she had indicated that she may not have the time necessary for Commission activities; and he did not think she should be appointed for that reason; when the motion was put to a vote, it was approved by the majority of the Council, with Councilmember Ricks voting in the negative.

5. Special report of Traffic Subcommittee on Parking Permit Area #2.

Councilmember Saloma stated that the subcommittee had met to address the abuse of visitor parking permits in the area around the Takoma Metro Station and other problems; that with suggestions from the Chief of Police and the City Administrator, the subcommittee proposed that ordinances be drafted to amend the original Parking Permit Ordinances as follows: that a special impact area be designated including the 7100 and 7200 blocks of Cedar, Holly and Maple Avenue, and the 100-300 blocks of Tulip Avenue, and also Takoma Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Baltimore Avenue; that colored parking stickers and visitor permits be used for the special impact area so that persons living within the area would have a place to park; suggested that the First Reading of the draft ordinance take place at the December 8, Council meeting and a Public Hearing be scheduled; that the special impact area would alleviate the abuses of persons who live within the Parking Permit area who want to park close to the Metro, and also those who sell or give away their visitor permits to people living outside the permit area, and even outside the City. Councilmember Saloma moved that the draft ordinances be prepared; this was seconded by Councilmember Weisman; a public hearing date for January 12, 1981 was also set; when the motion was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously by the Council.

6. Report on Community Development Block Grant activities.

Councilmember Holland reported that the City has been granted approximately half the funding that was requested by the Community Development Block Grant Citizens' Advisory Committee; he stated that a great portion of the increased funding was due to Alan Shaffer, Director of Community Development, who has a great rapport and credibility with County officials, also stated his appreciation for the efforts of the many citizens who participated in the Community Development Block Grant Citizens' Advisory Committee; the following is a list of funding: \$150,000-Housing Rehabilitation, \$100,000-Carroll/Laurel Revitalization, \$36,000-Westmoreland Neighborhood Strategy Area, \$150,000-Street Improvements, \$5,000-Colby Tot Lot, \$17,000-Long Range Strategy Plan Report, \$25,000-Administration, and \$20,000-Code Enforcement Program, with a total of \$503,000.

7. Ordinance instituting traffic control and pedestrian safety measures in the Holly-Dogwood-Tulip Avenue area.

Councilmember Saloma made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Garcia, that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Mr. Dean Hoge, 7314 Holly Avenue, presented a petition to the Council signed by residents of the area, supporting the ordinance; in answer to Councilmember Ramsey's question, Councilmember Saloma stated that crosswalks to be installed would be painted with large, graphic stripes. Ordinance No. 2541 (attachment A) was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Ricks, Saloma, and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2541  
(Attachment A)

8. Ordinance establishing No Parking zones adjacent to Ride-on bus stops in the 7600 block of Maple Avenue and the 7300 block of Takoma Avenue.

Councilmember Ricks, duly seconded by Councilmember Weisman, ordinance No. 2542 (Attachment B) was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2542  
(Attachment B)



9. Ordinance appropriating FY-80 Revenue Sharing Funds to cover one-half year's enforcement of certain sections of Montgomery County's Landlord-Tenant Relations Act in Takoma Park. Upon motion by Councilmember Ricks, duly seconded, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Ricks, Saloma and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2543

- SECTION 1. THAT on June 6, 1975, the Mayor and Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Montgomery County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs to enforce in the Montgomery County section of Takoma Park, Articles I, II, IV and V of the Montgomery County Fair Landlord-Tenant Relations Act; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT funds were set aside to cover this service in the FY-80 Federal Revenue Sharing proposed use schedule; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT a bill in the amount of \$6,840 is now due and payable for the period January 1 through June 30, 1980.
- SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT funds in the amount of SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$6,840) be appropriated from the FY-80 Revenue Sharing Fund Account and transferred to the appropriate account for payment to the Montgomery County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs to cover the period January 1 through June 30, 1980.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M., to reconvene on Monday, December 8, 1980, at 8:00 P.M.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2541

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

- SECTION 1. THAT whereas many vehicles have been observed by citizens and law enforcement officers travelling on Holly Avenue at excessive rates of speed, thereby endangering the lives and property of citizens; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT in an effort to minimize these dangers, the actions enumerated in the sections below shall be instituted:
- SECTION 3. THAT standard pedestrian cross-walks shall be established by painting the appropriate markings on the following roadways:
- (a) On Holly Avenue, immediately north of its intersection with Tulip Avenue;
  - (b) On Holly Avenue, immediately north of its intersection with Dogwood Avenue;
  - (c) On Dogwood Avenue at its intersection with Holly Avenue; and
  - (d) On Tulip Avenue at its intersection with Holly Avenue; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT "Children at Play" signs shall be installed in the Holly-Dogwood-Tulip Avenue area, with the specific locations to be determined by the Chief of Police; AND
- SECTION 5. THAT, in accordance with Sec. 13-28 of the Code of Takoma Park, 1972, limiting the speed of vehicles to 25 miles per hour on all City streets except those streets for which a higher rate has been prescribed by competent authority, four (4) signs denoting the 25 miles per hour speed limit shall be installed on Holly Avenue, two signs controlling northbound traffic and two signs controlling southbound traffic, with specific locations to be determined by the Chief of Police; AND
- SECTION 6. THAT all vehicular traffic travelling in either a northerly or southerly direction on Holly Avenue shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Dogwood Avenue, thereby creating a 3-way stop; AND
- SECTION 7. THAT all vehicular traffic travelling in either a northerly or southerly direction on Holly Avenue shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Tulip Avenue, thereby creating a 3-way stop; AND
- SECTION 8. THAT the Director of Public Works, in consultation with the Chief of Police, is hereby authorized to proceed with the installation of signs and the striping of roadways to effect the directives of the sections above; AND
- SECTION 9. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND
- SECTION 10. THAT the penalty for violation of Sections 5, 6 and 7 of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL NOVEMBER 24, 1980.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2542

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

- SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that access to the Ride-on bus in the 7600 block of Maple Avenue and the 7300 block of Takoma Avenue is both difficult and hazardous, and that larger loading zones are desirable.
- SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT bus loading zones be established by instituting the following parking prohibitions at the locations indicated:
- SECTION 3. THAT parking shall be prohibited on the east side of Maple Avenue from its intersection with Lincoln Avenue southward for a distance of ninety-two (92) feet; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT parking shall be prohibited on the west side of Maple Avenue, from the driveway of 7620 Maple Avenue southward for a distance of one hundred (100) feet; AND
- SECTION 5. THAT parking shall be prohibited on the north side of Takoma Avenue from its intersection with Buffalo Avenue for a distance of one hundred (100) feet eastward in the direction of Piney Branch Road; AND
- SECTION 6. THAT parking shall be prohibited on the south side of Takoma Avenue from a point beginning 732 feet from the intersection of Takoma Avenue and Fenton Street and extending eastward for a distance of 120 feet in the direction of Piney Branch Road; AND
- SECTION 7. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby directed to install appropriate signs at the above-described locations; AND
- SECTION 8. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND
- SECTION 9. THAT the penalty for violation of Sections 3, 4 and 6 of this Ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, 1972, as amended; AND
- SECTION 10. THAT the penalty for violation of Section 5 of this Ordinance shall be as stated in Sec. 13.63.1(i), Code of Takoma Park, 1972, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL NOVEMBER 24, 1980.

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
December 1, 1980

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Abbott  
Councilmember Garcia  
Councilmember Holland  
Councilmember Patrick  
Councilmember Saloma  
Councilmember Weisman  
City Administrator Gilsdorf

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Abbott at 7:30 PM.

1. Parkview Towers, 7667 Maple Avenue. Representatives of the tenants appeared before the Mayor and Council complaining about the absence of heat and hot water in the building on frequent occasions. After discussing the matter, the Mayor and Council directed the City Administrator to have the Corporation Counsel send a letter to the owner directing that the systems be repaired within 24 hours and, further, to prepare an ordinance which would permit the City to instigate emergency repairs (at the owners' expense) in the event of an emergency.
2. Takoma Park Master Plan. The date of January 26, 1981 was established for a public hearing on the Prince George's County portion of the Master Plan.
3. Citizen/Business Commission. It was decided that on December 8 the members of the commission would be appointed and that a comprehensive listing of all applicants would be developed for the pre-Council meeting at 7:30 PM.
4. COG proposed City contribution to the Water Resources Regional Fund. The City Administrator was directed to send a letter to COG to the effect that it would be inappropriate for the City to commit funds, in view of the fact that Takoma Park citizens are taxed to support WSSC who, in turn, provides all water-related services to City residents.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Sam A. Abbott  
Mayor

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf

## 1. Communications

- (1) Announcement of Public Hearing on proposed changes in Parking Permit Areas #1 and #2 [Agenda items (2) and (3)], 8:00 PM, Monday, January 12, Council Chamber
- (2) Announcement of Public Hearing (Mayor and Council) on Prince George's section of the Takoma Park Master Plan, Monday, January 26, 8:00 PM, Council Chamber
- (3) Announcement re Mayor and Council holiday break -- December 15 to January 5, 1981

## 2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action

- (1) First reading of a proposed ordinance to install stop signs in the 7200 block of Maple Avenue, approximately 600 feet from Tulip Ave., establishing cross-walks and creating buffer areas by the removal of parking in areas adjacent to stop signs
- (2) First reading of a proposed ordinance creating a Special Impact Area within Parking Permit Area #2
- (3) First reading of a proposed ordinance creating a Special Impact Area within Parking Permit Area #1
- (4) Second reading of a proposed ordinance prohibiting parking on the south side of Fenton Street from Chicago Avenue to Takoma Avenue
- (5) Second reading of a proposed ordinance creating a 4-way stop at Fenton, Takoma and Albany Avenues
- (6) Appointment of Businessmen-Citizen Commission for the Carroll Avenue commercial area

SPECIAL REPORTS

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ADJOURNMENT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
December 8, 1980

City Officials Present:

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| Mayor Abbott          | City Administrator Gilsdorf      |
| Councilmember Garcia  | Asst. City Administrator Shaffer |
| Councilmember Holland | City Clerk Pusti                 |
| Councilmember Patrick | Administrative Asst. Tyree       |
| Councilmember Ramsey  | Acting Chief of Police Carter    |
| Councilmember Ricks   | Public Works Director Robbins    |
| Councilmember Saloma  | Recreation Director Ziegler      |
| Councilmember Weisman | Corporation Counsel Gingerich    |

The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park met on December 8, 1980, at 8:10 P.M., in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the pledge, a motion was made, duly seconded, to approve the minutes of November 24, 1980. Councilmember Ramsey requested that a correction be made on page 5, item 4, to include his negative vote in the last sentence. With this correction included, the minutes were approved.

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Reminded citizens of the public briefing on Cable TV to be held Tuesday December 9, at 7:30 P.M., second floor meeting room of the Municipal Building that Cable TV representatives of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, and Northern Virginia will be present to answer questions and he hoped there would be a good citizen turn-out.

Announced that Councilmember Weisman, who is well-versed in the subject will be attending a meeting of the Silver Spring Advisory Board Tuesday, December 9, concerning the County's proposed Zoning Text Amendment No. 80019 increasing the footage between group homes; he will be taking the Council's recommendation for approval of the Text Amendment before the Board, and try to clarify misunderstandings with the County regarding group homes operating in the City which are unlicensed and unrecognized by the County.

Stated that Councilmembers Garcia and Patrick will be attending the meeting of the Prince George's County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League on Tuesday evening, December 9, along with State legislators, and would engage in some lobbying for additional municipal revenues.

Announced that on Wednesday evening, December 10, second floor meeting room, Municipal Building, there will be a slide show presentation on bicycle use and bike paths in Europe.

Stated that he would be attending a Council of Governments meeting on Wednesday, December 9, to vote against the proposed scatter flight plan for National Airport; the reasons for voting against the plan is because both Prince George's and Arlington Counties oppose it for valid reasons; that the plan does not deal with the quantity of flights at the Airport, which it should limit, and also the size of the planes.

Stated that at the January 26, 1981 Council meeting, there will also be a presentation on the Prince George's County section of the City's Master Plan. This section of the Plan will be discussed because the Council feels there are not too many parts of the presentation, as opposed to the Montgomery County portion.

Mayor Abbott reported the following figures on City Residents' tax dollars paid to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission:

<u>Montgomery County:</u>	<u>Rate(c)</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>Prince George's County:</u>	<u>Rate(c)</u>	<u>Charge</u>
		<u>Charge</u>			
Park Tax	22.36	\$137,650	Administration Fund	7.62	\$58,711
Planning, Zoning & Administration	7.50	46,171	Park Fund	21.00	96,271
Advance Land Acquis.	1.00	6,156	Recreation Fund	5.12	38,829
		<u>\$189,977</u>	Advance Land Acquis.	1.01	4,497
					<u>\$173,528</u>
GRAND TOTAL - <u>\$363,505</u>					

Mayor Abbott stated that the City Administrator had tried to obtain figures on what portion of this money was spent or has been allocated for use in the City, but that both Counties were very reluctant to give that information to him; that the City Administrator's rough estimates on expenditures are as follows:

<u>Montgomery County</u>		<u>Prince George's County</u>	
Parks and Recreation	\$60,000	Hampshire-Langley Recreation Center	\$30,000
Master Plan Staff	10,000	Parks & Recreation Staff	30,000
	<u>\$70,000</u>	Master Plan Staff	<u>10,000</u>
			<u>\$70,000</u>

He said that it cannot be explained just where the excess revenue going to the Park and Planning Commission is being spent; that the City and Council are in need of citizen help in getting the spending policies of the Counties changed so that more citizen tax dollars are spent in the City; that the Council will begin examining more closely exactly how much citizens pay to Counties in tax dollars and how these monies are being spent and where; again requested citizen help and participation when the Counties begin their budget hearings.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of the assisted housing in the Montgomery County portion of the City (Councilmember Weisman)

Discussion/action on draft letter concerning comments made by the Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board in recent newspaper article (Councilmember Weisman)

#### CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Mr. Johnson, 7667 Maple Avenue, member, Parkview Towers Tenants Association: related many problems the tenants of Parkview Towers are having, including the shut-off of hot water and heat, and problems of abuse by management and maintenance personnel; stated that there would be a Tenants' Association meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 P.M., in the second floor meeting room of the Municipal Building; urged Councilmembers' attendance. Councilmember Ricks noted that the tactics being employed by management and maintenance personnel are factors related to large numbers of tenants moving out of the building, and appear to be similar in purpose to the earlier rash of large rent increases and unlawful evictions; that something must be done to bring these problems to a fair resolution.

2. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: stated that citizen associations in Montgomery County have drafted a letter to be sent to the County Council asking for clarification and a policy statement on remarks made by Dr. Royce Hanson, Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board, in a recent Washington Post article on the success of Potomac's civic battles; read the following from the article: "...it makes good sense' to keep Potomac an area of enormous houses on wide lots, devoid of the blights most other communities have, like fast food restaurants and halfway houses. 'There are areas in almost all counties,' said Hanson, 'where people who buy land can insulate themselves from people who aren't as well off or live in smaller houses. Potomac is such an area.'" Mrs. Marsh urged the Council to support the draft letter or to send a similar one to the County Council.

3. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue: stated that the North Takoma Citizens' Association wished to thank the Council for the several parking restriction and traffic ordinances in that area; requested that the Council amend the parking restrictions on New York Avenue between Chicago and Takoma Avenues to include Saturday, saying the weekday situation is present because of increased Saturday classes; requested that the Council address the problem of the unnecessary widening of Fenton Street between Burlington and Chicago Avenues; noted the many unfinished projects the utility companies (WSSC and WGLC) leave behind when they dig up sidewalks and grass strips, specifically the unlevel sidewalk and grass strip sections in front of 7700 and 7704 Takoma Avenue and requested that the Council do something to make sure excavations such as these are returned to their original condition. Mayor Abbott said that the first responsibility to see that work is finished is with the residents of the excavation site; that if calls to the utility companies go

unheeded, then a call should be placed to the City Administrator's office for a letter to be sent. Mr. Lerner requested that the City contact the District of Columbia on establishing a bus zone for the Ride-on bus stop on Eastern at Baltimore Avenue; also requested that crosswalks be painted on the north side of the intersection across Piney Branch Road at Eastern Avenue.

4. Diane Devaul, 7218 Maple Avenue: urged the Council to take action and approve the ordinance to install stop signs in the middle of the 7200-7400 block of Maple Avenue to slow the speeding traffic; also suggested the installation of ripple treads on Maple Avenue, noting that she could put up with the noise they would make if it would slow traffic.

5. Richard Cottone, 34 Philadelphia Avenue: noted that he is located just across the street from Parking Permit Area No. 2, and because of this, not park his car on the street; requested that changes be made in the permit area so that he may park; reported several incidents that have happened with the City Police Department on which he wished action taken. The Police Chief requested that he visit him and file a written complaint and he would follow through on it.

6. David Prosten, 7428 Carroll Avenue: requested that the Council move up agenda item six--appointment of businessmen/citizen commission--to item 5 that many people in the audience were interested in that item; Councilmember agreed to this.

7. Allan Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: regarding the speeding problem on Maple Avenue, noted that he has been requesting action on this problem for several years; thanked Councilmember Saloma for bringing this matter to the attention of the Council again; stated that the Old Takoma Citizens' Association supports the installation of the stop signs, although they do not think it is the solution for the problem; also support the installation of ripple treads. noted that when Maple Avenue was widened some years ago, the grass strips along the street were removed; requested that these strips be put back in, or suggested islands of grass and a tree be installed about every thirty feet, that would be twice the length, and the width of a car.

Councilmember Saloma requested that the following report given by Mr. Marsh be included in the minutes: A survey taken of residents of the 7300-7400 block of Maple Avenue who have had their cars hit: 7312 - \$1,100 damage to van parked briefly in front of house, damage done by hit and run driver who then tried to run down a witness and drove off toward Carroll Street. 7313 - house has no driveway, so the residents must park on street and they say, their car has been hit a dozen times in the last five or six years--in 1977, their car was completely demolished at night by a speeder; many times, they were hit and run. 7401 - van has been hit three times, twice by a hit and run driver, and their Polara has been hit twice; their dog was also run over; this is in a ten year span. 7402 - a visitor's car hit twice within one year's time; second time \$800 damages done by drunken driver. 7405 - in last five years, car hit twice, once by a drunken driver to the tune of \$500 damages; two cats killed by cars; two visitors had their cars hit, one by hit and run driver; several people have run into utility pole, leaving strips of chrome from their cars in the street. 7409 - a visitor's car struck by hit and run driver last year. 7411 - in six years, their vehicles have been hit three times, one time totally destroying their car; the other two occasions were hit and run; two of their visitors have had their cars hit. 7414 - in last two or three years, their car has been hit twice; they no longer park in front of their house. Mr. Marsh stated that the residents of Maple Avenue and the Old Takoma Citizens' Association have continually supported any type of measure for slowing traffic in other neighborhoods, and thought it is time that his neighborhood receives some support; that the residents of Maple Avenue still want parking on both sides of the street and he felt they would put up with the continued property damage and noise of ripple treads if it would save lives.

#### ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

##### Communications

1. Announcement of Public Hearing on proposed changes in Parking Permit Areas No. 1 and No. 2, Monday, January 12, 1981, 8:00 P.M., Council Chamber.

2. Announcement of Public Hearing (Mayor and Council) on Prince George's section of the Takoma Park Master Plan, Monday, January 26, 1981, 8:00 P.M., Council Chamber.



3. Announcement re Mayor and Council holiday break -- December 15 to January 5, 1981. Next Council meeting: January 12, 1981.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. First Reading and adoption of ordinance to install stop signs in the 7200 block of Maple Avenue, approximately 600 feet from Tulip Avenue, establishing cross-walks and creating buffer areas by the removal of parking in areas adjacent to stop signs. Councilmember Weisman, in view of the emergency nature of the situation in attempting to prevent more property damage and save lives, moved that the ordinance be voted on to take effect immediately, without a second reading; Councilmember Holland seconded the motion. Councilmembers Weisman and Saloma noted that the ordinance had been discussed at length at the last Council meeting and many residents of the street had appeared before the Council during the present meeting. Councilmember Ricks stated that he felt placing the stop signs on Maple Avenue would have no real effect on the problems of the neighborhood; that cars coming to a stop at the new sign, would simply increase speed to make up for lost time; that there was no need to adopt the ordinance without a second reading, saying there should be a more comprehensive traffic plan, instead of the piece-meal efforts at traffic control. It was noted by Councilmembers Saloma and Holland that, in the absence of a comprehensive plan, the Council should not deny the residents of those blocks this "band-aid" measure, while awaiting a comprehensive traffic plan. Following further discussion, Ordinance No. 2544 (Attached) was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: Councilmember Ricks. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2544  
(See Attachment A)

2. Appointment of Businessmen-Citizen Commission for the Carroll Avenue commercial area. Councilmember Weisman stated that the Commission would include five members each of businessmen and citizens, who would discuss problems relevant to the rezoning issues of Carroll Avenue; the Commission would report twice to the Council, with a final written report to be submitted to Council within sixty days of their appointment. Enid Hodes, 7418 Hancock Avenue, requested that the Council postpone appointment until a person has been selected to represent S.S. Carroll Citizens' Association; also suggested that the number of persons on the Commission be odd, so in case of a tie vote, it can be broken; noted other objections. In response to questions raised by David Prosten, 7428 Carroll Avenue, Mayor Abbott and Councilmember Holland said that citizens and businessmen should not overestimate the role of the Commission; that the recommendations/reports from Commission would be taken into consideration by the Council, but the Commission will not be making the final determination on the rezoning issue; it will be an advisory group; that the Commission is being formed to find a middle ground on the issue. Following further discussion, upon motion, duly seconded, the Council, without objection, appointed the following persons to the Businessmen-Citizen Commission: Businessmen: Robert C. Turner, Karl Kessler, Andrew Simon, Paul Offitt, and Billy Connellee; Citizens: William Jones, Ellen Marsh, David Prosten, and Ron Albaugh; Commission Designee, S.S. Carroll Citizens' Association. Mr. Karl Kessler, owner of Barcelona Nut Shop, listed several items he hoped the Commission would be able to accomplish. The City Administrator was directed by the Mayor and Council to notify the appointees and to set up an organizing meeting.

3. First Reading of a proposed ordinance creating a Special Impact Area within Parking Permit Area No. 2. The proposed ordinance (Attachment B) was approved for First Reading by the Council.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
(Attachment B)

4. First Reading of a proposed ordinance creating a Special Impact Area within Parking Permit Area No. 1. The proposed ordinance (Attachment C) was approved for First Reading by the Council.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
(Attachment C)

5. Ordinance prohibiting parking on the south side of Fenton Street from Chicago Avenue to Takoma Avenue. Upon motion by Councilmember Weisman, duly seconded by Councilmember Saloma, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2545

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

- SECTION 1. THAT all parking shall be prohibited on the south side of Fenton Street between Chicago Avenue and Takoma Avenue; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to install the appropriate signs; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

6. Ordinance creating a 4-way stop at Fenton, Takoma and Albany Avenues. Upon motion by Councilmember Weisman, duly seconded by Councilmember Holland, Ordinance No. 2546, below, was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2546

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

- SECTION 1. THAT all eastbound traffic on Fenton Street shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Takoma Avenue, thereby creating a 4-way stop; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to install a STOP sign at the appropriate location.
- SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

7. Councilmember Weisman raised the issue of the increasing number of assisted housing units in the Montgomery County portion of the City; noted that after the Council had voted to approve 100 per cent assisted housing at the Franklin Apartments (7620 Maple Avenue), he had understood from County officials that there would be no more assisted housing in the City; stated that he had contacted Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission and was told that they have eighty-nine assisted units in the City; with the other units the City knows of, there is a total of 460 assisted units out of 5,180 total housing units within the Montgomery County section of the City; that the County Housing Policy has established a limit of six per cent within this portion of the County; that as it now stands, the assisted housing in the City is approximately 20 per cent. Suggested contacting the County concerning this disproportionate share. There followed a lengthy discussion among the Mayor and Councilmembers, in which it was noted that units are not subsidized or assisted but rather, it is the people occupying those units who are assisted; that it is possible for landlords not to realize they are renting to people receiving assistance, and since it is illegal for the landlord to discriminate it is difficult to control. It was suggested that this issue be discussed with Montgomery County Councilwoman Crenca.

8. Regarding the draft letter concerning the newspaper account of Dr. Hanson's statements discussed earlier in the meeting, Councilmember Weisman

read the letter and asked whether the Council would consider sending such a letter. Councilmembers agreed that some correspondence should be sent on the subject and, following discussion on the language, a motion was made by Councilmember Holland, duly seconded, that the essence of the draft be included in a letter from the City Council, but stated in more appropriate terms, be sent to the County Council; the motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M. to reconvene on Monday, JANUARY 12, 1981, at 8:00 P.M.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Sam A. Abbott  
Mayor

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 1-11 OF THE CODE OF TOWNSHIP, MD., 1972, AS AMENDED.

7. Councilmember Wolman raised the issue of the business number of existing housing units in the Montgomery County portion of the City; noted that the Council had voted to approve 100 new one-to-two detached housing units within the City limits (200 total); he had understood that County officials had stated that there would be no more detached housing in the City; stated that he had contacted Montgomery County Housing Ordinance Commissioner and was told that they have eight - nine detached units in the City; that in the past the City knew of, there is a total of 300 detached units in the City; that the County housing units within the Montgomery County portion of the City; that the County Housing Ordinance Commissioner stated that the City is responsible for the 100 units; suggested contracting the City with the appropriate 20 per cent; suggested contracting the City with the appropriate 20 per cent; there followed a long discussion about the issue and Councilmembers thereon; in which it was noted that while the ordinance is needed but not in the form currently occupying these units and are needed; that it is possible for the City to make the law and require the people occupying these units and the ordinance not to be imposed for the balance of the ordinance is in the City's control; it was suggested that this issue be discussed with Montgomery County Councilwoman Green.

8. Regarding the draft letter concerning the proposed extension of the Montgomery County portion of the City; Councilmember Wolman

ORDINANCE NO. 2544

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

SECTION 1. THAT for many years the residents of the 7200-7400 blocks of Maple Avenue have been plagued by speeding traffic owing to the absence of intersecting streets and the inability of pedestrians, particularly school children, to safely cross the street; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Mayor and Council have determined that it is necessary to institute the following safety measures to protect the lives and property of the citizens residing in the 7200-7400 blocks of Maple Avenue:

SECTION 3. THAT all vehicular traffic travelling in either a northerly or southerly direction in the 7200 block of Maple Avenue shall come to a complete stop at points in front of 7205 Maple Avenue and 7202 Maple Avenue, respectively; AND

SECTION 4. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to install stop signs at the locations described in Section 3; AND

SECTION 5. THAT parking on both sides of Maple Avenue shall be prohibited for a distance of 40 feet to the north and 40 feet to the south of each of the stopping points described in Section 3; AND

SECTION 6. THAT a standard pedestrian crosswalk shall be established by painting the appropriate markings on the Maple Avenue roadway at a point midway between the opposing stop signs described in Sections 3 and 4; AND

SECTION 7. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND

SECTION 8. THAT the penalty for violation of Sections 3 and 5 of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972, as amended; AND

SECTION 9. THAT the Mayor and Council hereby declare that an emergency exists and that this ordinance be adopted on first reading.

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## PROPOSED ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received numerous complaints of problems in Parking Permit Area #2, stemming from visitor card abuse and the use of parking spaces within easy access to the Metro Station by holders of valid permits who reside in the outlying areas of the Permit Area, thereby depriving the residents of those streets nearest the Metro Station of parking spaces near their homes; AND

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to create a Special Impact Area within Parking Permit Area #2, to be known as Parking Permit Area #2A, for which distinctive parking stickers and visitor cards shall be issued for use by the residents of the Impact Area only, thereby making parking in the Impact Area unavailable to all other residents of Parking Permit Area #2, and requiring that holders of Special Impact Area permits park only in Parking Permit Area #2A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance No. 2458, creating Parking Permit Area #2, adopted on January 30, 1978, be amended by the repeal and reenactment of Section 1 and Section 2, to read as follows:

- SECTION 1. A. THAT Parking Permit Area #2 be hereby established, said area to include streets lying within the following geographic boundaries: 7300 block of Piney Branch Road to Philadelphia Avenue, Philadelphia Avenue to Carroll Avenue, Carroll Avenue to Eastern Avenue City boundary, Eastern Avenue to Piney Branch Road; AND
- B. THAT a Special Impact Area, to be designated as Parking Permit Area #2A, be hereby established to lie within Parking Permit Area #2, and to include the following streets: from Eastern Avenue to the 7300 blocks of Holly, Cedar and Maple Avenues, and on Tulip Avenue from Holly Avenue to Willow Avenue; AND
- C. THAT the parking permit stickers and visitor passes for Parking Permit Area #2 and #2A shall be distinguishable; AND
- D. THAT holders of valid permits of Parking Permit Area #2 shall be restricted from parking in Permit Area #2A; and that holders of valid permits for Parking Permit Area #2A shall be precluded from parking in any other area of Parking Permit Area #2.

- SECTION 2. A. Except where otherwise designated, parking on the following streets shall be restricted to vehicles displaying a Parking Permit #2 sticker between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday: Willow Avenue, Spruce Avenue, Park Avenue, Valley View Avenue, Chesnut Avenue, the 400-500 blocks of Tulip Avenue, and the 7300-7400 blocks of Holly, Cedar and Maple Avenues; AND
- B. Except where otherwise designated, parking on the following streets shall be restricted to vehicles displaying a Parking Permit #2A permit between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday: the 7100 through 7200 blocks of Holly, Cedar and Maple Avenues, and the 100 through 300 blocks of Tulip Avenue. AND

SECTION 2. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and the issuance of the required permits; AND

SECTION 3. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 13.63.1(i), Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972, as amended.

## PROPOSED ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received numerous complaints of problems in Parking Permit Area #1, arising out of visitor card abuse and the use of parking spaces within easy access to the Metro Station by holders of valid permits who reside in the outlying sections of the Permit Area, thereby depriving the residents of those streets nearest the Metro Station of parking spaces near their homes; AND

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to create a Special Impact Area within Parking Permit Area #1, to be known as Parking Permit Area #1A, for which distinctive parking stickers and visitor cards shall be issued for use by the residents of the Impact Area only, thereby making parking in the Impact area unavailable to all other residents of Parking Permit Area #1, and requiring that holders of Special Impact Area permits park only in Parking Permit Area #1A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance No. 2395, adopted August 9, 1976, and creating Parking Permit Area #1, be amended by the addition of the following new subsection to Section 2:

E. SPECIAL IMPACT AREA: PARKING PERMIT AREA #1A

(1) Where circumstances are such that the intent of the Parking Permit plan is essentially destroyed through the improper use or sale of visitor cards, or by the crowding of a street by cars bearing a valid parking permit, but whose owners reside outside the immediate vicinity, to the extent that residents of a street are deprived of a parking space near their home, a Special Impact Area may be created whereby only the residents of a designated Special Impact Area may park within it and such residents are precluded from parking elsewhere in the Parking Permit Area.

(2) That a Special Impact Area, Parking Permit Area #1A, is hereby established and, except where otherwise designated parking on the following street(s) shall be restricted to vehicles displaying a proper Special Impact Area permit between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday:

(a) Takoma Avenue, between Piney Branch Road and Baltimore Avenue.

AND

SECTION 2. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and the issuance of the required permits; AND

SECTION 3. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as stated in Sec. 13.63.1(i), Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.