

Introduced by: Councilmember Schultz

First Reading: November 5, 2012

Second Reading: November 13, 2012

Effective Date: January 14, 2013

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-52

ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA 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

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), residents of 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 have petitioned the Council to establish a new residential permit parking zone to include these blocks; and

WHEREAS, the petition was certified by the City Clerk as meeting the required percentage (at least 66%) of signatures from households in the subject area; 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 provided statements expressing concerns about the inadequacy of available on street parking for residents during nighttime hours; and

WHEREAS, the request was discussed and supported at the September 18, 2012 meeting of the New Hampshire Gardens Citizens' Association; and

WHEREAS, after proper notification, the City Council conducted a public hearing on October 22, 2012, to receive comments on the request; and

WHEREAS, petitioners indicated that finding on-street parking in their neighborhood is especially difficult in the evenings and at nighttime, parked vehicles block driveways, vehicles leaving the area late at night create a noise nuisance, and drivers leave trash and litter at the curb or in the street; and

WHEREAS, having heard the testimony and reviewed written comments received, the Council has determined that the evidence supports the establishment of Residential Permit Parking Zone 6 in portions of New Hampshire Gardens; and

WHEREAS, based on residents' testimony, the Council agrees that the hours of the residential permit parking restrictions should be expanded beyond the standard hours set forth in Administrative Regulation No. 99-1 so that the restricted hours for Zone 6 would be 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. seven days a week.

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

SECTION 1. 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 in the City of Takoma Park are hereby established as Residential Permit Parking Area 6.

SECTION 2. The days and hours for the "parking by permit only" restrictions in Residential Permit Parking Area 6 shall be from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. seven days a week.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective on January 14, 2013.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE: Williams, Grimes, Male, Daniels-Cohen, Seamens, Smith, Schultz
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None