

Introduced by: Councilmember Kovar

First Reading: May 18, 2016

Second Reading: June 15, 2016

**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 for up to one year 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 up to one year 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 15TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

FOR: Mayor Stewart, Councilmembers Kovar, Male, Qureshi, Seamens, Smith, Schultz

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None