



# *RPP Refresh*

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POTOMAC YARD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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# Project Overview and Objectives

- Update the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) program to:
  - **better address** current residential parking issues
  - improve the City's ability to **proactively manage** parking
  - be **easy** to understand, enforce, and administer

# Background

- Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Program was created in the late 1970s
- 2015 OTAPS Work Group recommendations
  - Permit fees
  - Time restrictions
  - District sizes
- City Council direction
  - Staff-initiated process
- Enforcement concerns

What this  
project does not  
include or  
address

- Changes to enforcement staffing or operations
- Review of the 72 hour rule
- Review of the Residential Pay by Phone Program

# Project Outreach to Date

- Traffic and Parking Board Subcommittee meetings – 6 meetings from October 2018 – May 2019
- **Online Project Topics Questionnaire - December 2018 – January 2019 (844 responses)**
- **Online Options Questionnaire – April 1-16 (553 responses)**
- Outreach to civic associations
- Input at Market Square Farmers Market
- Enews and Social Media
- Finance Department Email to Residential Permit Holders - December
- Finance Department Personal Property mailer
- **Project website:** [alexandriava.gov/ParkingStudies](http://alexandriava.gov/ParkingStudies)

# PROJECT TOPICS

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POSTED  
RESTRICTIONS



PERMIT FEES  
AND LIMITS



PROCESS



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# STAFF INITIATED PROCESS

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## **Current Conditions:**

- Staff cannot start parking restriction change process – must be resident initiated
- New districts require minimum of 400 spaces
- Petition must be submitted with support from more than 50% of the residents in the proposed area
- Staff must survey the area to determine that 75% of the spaces are occupied and 25% of the parked vehicles are not residents of the proposed district.

## **Challenge/Problem:**

- The process to start a request may be burdensome to residents
- Parking issues cannot be addressed until there is a proven problem in an area

Council directed staff to explore developing a staff initiated process that could be used citywide

# STAFF INITIATED PROCESS

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## Recommendations:

- Create a process to allow staff to begin the process for neighborhoods:
  - Near transit, or
  - In areas where parking issues have been documented through a City parking study
- Proposed process:
  - Staff sends ballots to all addresses in proposed district area
  - If 50% of the ballots are returned and 60% of those ballots indicate support, the area can be considered by the Traffic and Parking Board for a parking district.
  - Typical process continues:
    - Traffic and Parking public hearing and recommendation
    - City Council makes the final decision



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## General Parameters:

- Would **NOT** replace existing resident initiated process
- Would **NOT** change the public review process
- Would be an additional way to **start** the review process for specific circumstances
- Would require outreach to impacted residents

# POSTED RESTRICTIONS

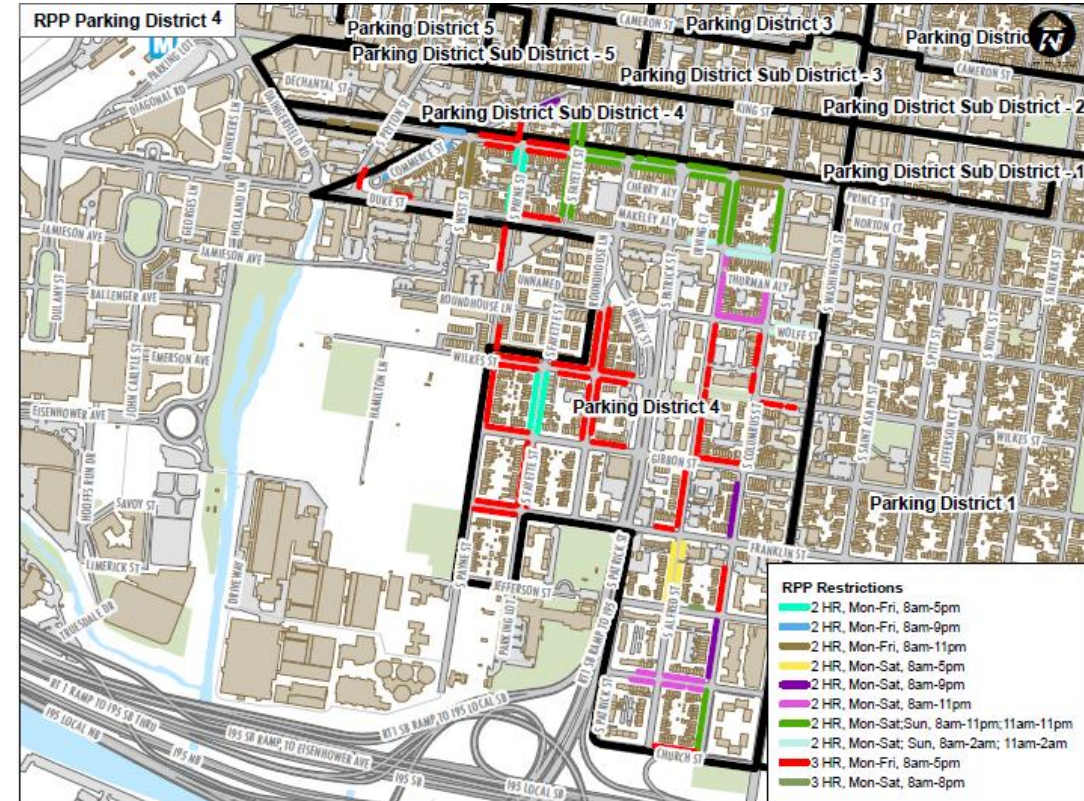
## Current Conditions:

City Code allows for 32 variations of posted restrictions:

- 2-hour or 3-hour limit for non-district parkers
- End times: 5PM, 9PM, 11PM, 2AM
- Days of the week: Mon-Fri, Mon-Sat, Mon-Sun

## Challenge/Problem:

- Restrictions are inconsistent across blocks and throughout a district
- Variety of restrictions makes it difficult to enforce and understand
- 3-hour restrictions are more difficult to enforce



# POSTED RESTRICTIONS

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## **Recommendations:**

1. Limit RPP end times to 5PM or 11PM
2. Allow for 2AM end times in specific areas that may generate trips after 11PM
3. Make the non-resident max time limit 2 hours in all zones

# PERMIT FEES/LIMITS

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## **Current Conditions:**

The annual fees for residential permits as:

- \$40 for the first vehicle
- \$50 for the second vehicle
- \$150 for each additional vehicle

There is no limit to the number of permits a person can obtain

## **Recommendations:**

No changes at this time.

# PROCESS

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## **Current Conditions:**

- Several slightly different processes for different RPP requests
- Requests can be made by block face

## **Challenge/Problem:**

- Blocks within an established district must wait until a parking problem occurs (i.e. meet the survey requirements) before being eligible for restrictions
- Requests are processed by block face instead of block which can lead to different restrictions on each side of the street
- The process to expand or create a new district can take several months

# PROCESS

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## **Recommendations:**

- Eliminate survey requirement for blocks within an existing district.
- Require petitions by block instead of block face.
- Allow the Traffic and Parking Board to recommend approval to the Director of T&ES for expansions to existing districts.

# NEXT STEPS

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- Public Hearings
  - Traffic and Parking Board– September 23, 2019
  - City Council – November 2019 (*tentative*)
- Implement recommendations
- Identify additional issues to review in a later phase

# THANK YOU!

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