



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

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RE: DDOT's Proposed Rulemaking to Revise the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Program

Dear Ms. Kelly:

At its regular meeting on September 14, 2016, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-1-1):

WHEREAS, DDOT has proposed new rulemaking to revise the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) program,

WHEREAS, the proposed rulemaking originally only provided 30 days notice for public comments, ending in July, and was later extended to 60 days, through August,

WHEREAS, previously a defined guideline and structure through which resident-only parking restrictions could be requested did not exist, and DDOT issued resident-only parking restrictions to select areas city-wide with limited study and evaluation,

WHEREAS, DDOT suspended the issuance of resident-only parking restriction blocks in order to create defined guidelines for requesting resident-only parking restrictions,

WHEREAS, the proposed rulemaking would require all blocks of an entire eligible ANC to be assigned resident-only parking restricted parking on one half of the block, instead of specific blocks in certain single-member-districts that experience the most parking issues,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B and other community stakeholders have been working with DDOT since 2015 on a Neighborhood Curbside Parking Pilot study with recommendations specific to Dupont, which has already been successfully implemented in similar neighborhoods like Georgetown and Eastern Market, and

WHEREAS, as part of the Curbside Parking Pilot study, after an initial evaluation of data, DDOT recommended that the study treat ANC 2B as two separate entities to study: North Dupont and South Dupont, in response to the difference in needs between the residential and commercial areas of the neighborhood, and recommended as part of the toolkit different solutions for each area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that while ANC 2B applauds DDOT for finally proposing rules to govern the issuance of resident-only parking restriction blocks throughout the city, ANC 2B supports the proposal of policies backed by substantial data instead of indiscriminately assigning resident-only parking restrictions to blocks with little study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B however, does not support the specific proposed rulemaking change, as ANC 2B is currently in the process of working with DDOT to create a toolkit for parking solutions and recommendations for Dupont, and to implement such a blanket change throughout all of Dupont would not adequately address the specific needs of our neighborhood, which contains dense residential blocks as well as vibrant commercial blocks. A one-sized-fits-all solution would not benefit Dupont residents, businesses, and visitors in an ANC with such mixed-use diversity such as ANC 2B. Should this rulemaking be finalized however, we request that it does not preclude DDOT from implementing unique changes to RPP and other parking policies based on the Dupont Curbside Parking Pilot study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks that DDOT provide more notice in the future for such proposed rulemaking changes, as 60 days notice during the summer months when many residents of ANC 2B are out of town is not sufficient enough for thorough public outreach.

Commissioner Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Mann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair