



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

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Councilmember Mary Cheh
Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council Bill B24-0433 – the “Rightsizing Residential Permit Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 2021”

Dear Councilmember Cheh,

At its regular meeting on October 12, 2022, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill 24-0433, the “Rightsizing Residential Permit Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 2021,” was introduced on October 6, 2021 by Councilmembers Christina Henderson and Brooke Pinto for the purpose of changing the basis of the District’s residential parking zones from the Ward boundaries to the boundaries of individual Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs),

WHEREAS, in July 2018 ANC 2B passed and submitted a resolution containing its recommendations and suggestions for a curbside management program and pilot to then-Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Jeff Marootian and Councilmember Mary Cheh, Chair of the DC Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment. Key elements of that resolution include:

- Establishing smaller parking zones to reduce the number of resident permit vehicles competing for parking spaces, eliminating misuses such as “commuter parking” for Metrorail,
- Converting all public parking spaces within the zones to pay-to-use at all times,
- Replacing the existing residential permit parking (RPP) program with resident permits and special-use passes for visitors, workers, contractors, etc., entitling and prioritizing those vehicles for parking at legal spaces in the zone with no additional charge,

- Establishing flexible use spaces to best allocate spaces to needs based on the time of day and the day of week, such as loading zones and pick-up drop-off (PUDO) zones, along commercial stretches and adjoining streets,
- Implementing variable-rate parking fees to reflect availability, discourage parking for long periods, and encourage use of travel modes other than cars to come to the area,
- Recognizing that DC Council action would be required to establish new zones, authorize new payment technology, or implement interagency data access, and
- Stating that while ANC boundaries were suggested for a pilot, immutable geographic rather than variable political boundaries were recommended for any permanent implementation.

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's resolution identified that establishing smaller parking zones alone would not improve the user experience or benefit residents without concurrent overhaul of the curbside and parking frameworks,

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill 24-0433 makes mention of "other innovative parking solutions on residential streets near commercial centers," however the bill does not establish their scope or a definitive timetable for their implementation,

WHEREAS, changing the parking zone boundaries without concurrent rollout of a revamped parking and curbside management framework is more likely to create a more difficult parking situation for areas such as Dupont Circle, which has heavily oversubscribed RPP plus substantial competition for spaces from commercial and nightlife activities,

WHEREAS, the lack of timely and consistent enforcement in existing RPP zones already results in significant difficulties for residents and visitors and reducing the size and increasing the quantity of RPP zones will most likely result in an even more frustrating parking situation in ANC 2B, and

WHEREAS, in early 2022 DDOT conducted a survey of parking in the Dupont Circle area that needs to be publicly released and its relevance to the bill needs to be discussed as it also reflects reduced pandemic levels of activity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support DC Council Bill 24-0433 as submitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks Councilmembers Henderson and Pinto to work with stakeholders, especially in Ward 2, where there are several ANCs having similar concerns, to amend the bill with a concurrent improved parking and curbside framework or to withdraw the bill and develop new frameworks that will make RPP rightsizing successful.

Commissioners Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02@anc.dc.gov) and Meg Roggensack (2B01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Roggensack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Meg Roggensack
Chair