



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SMALL BUSINESS PARKING PERMIT
ACT OF 2017 AKA B22-0125**

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WHEREAS; Councilmembers R. White, Nadeau, and Todd introduced B22-0125 aka the “Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017” on February 21, 2017;

WHEREAS; Bill 22-0125 proposes to extend participation in the District’s Residential Parking Permit program to small businesses with 10 employees or less that abut a street currently designated for residential permit parking;

WHEREAS; Every employee of a qualifying business would be eligible to participate in the program and receive a parking pass, including those who live in neighboring jurisdictions or work part-time;

WHEREAS; Small Business Parking Passes would be issued at a fee no greater than that currently set for residential parking passes, a fee that is currently set at \$35 per year;

WHEREAS; The Bill as introduced incentivizes Small Business Parking Program participants to commute to work by car, rather than leverage a wide range of other public transit options available in the District

WHEREAS; ANC 1B recognizes the need to exercise reasonable means to support multiple transit options for both small businesses and District residents, while carefully considering the long-term use cases and access to such limited public parking resources;

WHEREAS; There has been a trend in recent years for new development in the District to deny residents access to the RPP program through restrictive covenants in exchange for zoning relief from off-street parking requirements in recognition of the limited availability of on-street residential parking in densely populated neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS; The proposed legislation fails to address:

- 1) The severe shortage of resident parking options that currently exists in Ward I, including easement of parking requirements for various new residential developments, further exacerbating the constraints of existing resident parking options;
- 2) How enforcement plans needed to regulate oversight and abuse the Small Business Parking Program will be implemented and sustained with consistency
- 3) The current parking enforcement issues that are pervasive throughout Ward I, some of which are currently aggravated by small business employees who are already electing to park illegally in RPP zones



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B **opposes** B22-0125, the Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017. The Commission appreciates the effort to support small and local business in the District of Columbia but finds the bill as introduced to be lacking an equitable balance for both businesses and residents. Furthermore, the bill as introduced:

- Causes undue difficulty to residents who rent/own property with no off-street parking
- Promotes use of cars as means of commuting into the District, rather than leveraging the many public transit options available both within the city as well as neighboring communities outside of the District
- Includes no resolution to alleviate the existing parking scarcity and constraints within Ward I and throughout others throughout the city
- Provides no adequate justification to extend additional parking privileges to small business owners and their employees

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT: the Chair of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B, the Commissioner for SMD1B09, or any member of the Executive Committee in their absence, shall be authorized to communicate this resolution to the members of the Council of the District of Columbia and all governmental agencies.

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Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 11 present at its April 6, 2017, meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted, with 11 Yeas, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.

