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Residential Permit Parking policy

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Council of the District of Columbia to end block-by-block Residential Parking Permit zoning, replacing that policy with RPP zoning within an ANC determination by Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, rather than by block petitions.

Why: The 2003 Parking Task Force declared that block-by-block zoning was "one of the major flaws in the current system", noting that "If one lives in the area with the generally restrictive parking conditions, but does not live on an RPP block, one cannot get a parking sticker and is effectively treated in the same way as a visitor or commuter". Residents of unzoned blocks find that they are prohibited from parking their cars in their own neighborhoods, as close as around a corner from their homes.

Furthermore, as the Washington Post reported in 2009, unzoned blocks are sought out by residents with cars without DC tags, and become congested with those cars, parked there by residents from blocks away. In a study of some unzoned blocks in Mount Pleasant in 2009, some 20% of the curbside parking space was taken up by cars without DC tags. Those blocks were RPP-zoned in 2009, not because of problems with commuter parking, but to force these car owners to stop using these blocks as out-of-state parking lots.

Area-wide RPP zoning would eliminate both of these problems. Advisory Neighborhood Commission areas are natural choices for the areas for RPP determination, with the ANC deciding whether the commission area should be RPP-zoned or not.

Passed by 3 to 2 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on November 27, 2012, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners McKay, Wilson Phelan, Edwards. Voting "no": Commissioners Terrell, Romero-Castillo.