

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Dear Resident:

With the opening of significant new retail destinations in the Columbia Heights community, it is anticipated that there will be additional pressure placed on curbside parking in the neighborhood. We are aware that parking is already a major challenge.

DDOT met with the public, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, and Councilmember Jim Graham on Tuesday, February 19th to review a plan for protecting residential parking availability in the community, encouraging the rapid and regular turn-over of available metered commercial spaces, and accommodating the need for occasional visitor parking.

The plan includes three major components:

- Enhancing the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) regulations to limit parking on one side (the north side) of RPP streets to Zone 1 permit holders only, while retaining the other side of the street as a typical RPP zone that allows non-RPP holders, such as your guests, to park for up to 2-hours. In addition, RPP restrictions throughout the area will be extended to 8:30pm and will include Saturdays;
- Installing meters in all non-RPP parking areas and timing and pricing these meters to encourage the use of the new 1,000 space parking garage as a first choice for retail customers to the area while accommodating quick visits to local storefronts. Meters along 14th Street will be limited to 1-hour or less to ensure rapid turn-over and regular availability of spaces to deter the need for double parking or waiting in a travel lane;
- Installing meters in some RPP areas of 14th Street to deter retail customers who may otherwise abuse the 2-hour grace period. Zone 1 RPP permit holders will be permitted to park in these spaces without paying meter fees.

A complete table of streets, blocks and current and new regulations is enclosed with this letter.

In addition to these curbside changes, DDOT has implemented a number of operational improvements to help manage the increase in traffic that is expected with the new destinations. Traffic Control Officers (TCOs) will be stationed at major intersections in the area to promote the safe and efficient flow of traffic and pedestrians; signal timings have been modified to improve flow along 14th Street NW and local cross streets; new signage has or will be installed to provide clearer directions to motorists to adhere to traffic rules; MPD officers will regularly be visiting the area to move along those who are double parking or otherwise occupying travel lanes; bus stops have been expanded to ensure buses can stop at the curb and not in traffic; and a taxi zone has been provided at 14th and Park Road to facilitate passenger loading and unloading at the curb and out of traffic.

While we believe these actions will significantly improve transportation conditions in the area, we have put in place measures and resources to constantly monitor the area, evaluate it, and make adjustments as is necessary to balance the system and its operations.

You may have also seen physical improvements in the neighborhood in recent weeks. DDOT recognizes that your community has experienced years of development and that construction projects have severely damaged the roadway and infrastructure. In the past weeks, DDOT has rehabilitated the concrete roadways and completely resurfaced asphalt surfaces in the area. We have repaired and improved bus areas, upgraded lighting, and freshly painted all crosswalks and pavement markings. Sidewalks have been repaired and replaced, curbs and gutters have been restored, new parking meters installed, and the majority of signs replaced. More work is yet to come.

DDOT is committed to working with the Columbia Heights community to accommodate and adjust to these major new additions to your community. Please feel free to provide recommendations and feedback via your Ward 1 Transportation Planner, Callistus Nwadike (Callistus.nwadike@dc.gov or 202-671-2308).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emeka Moneme', is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

Emeka Moneme
Director

Enclosure

Block	Street	Side of Street	Existing Regulations	New Regulation
3200	Hyatt Pl.	East	Unrestricted Parking	1-Hour Meters, Ward 1 RPP Exempt
2900	14th	East	2Hr Parking, Non Meter, Bus Zone	1-hour Parking, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
2900	14th	West	Bus Zone, 2Hr non meter parking	1-hour Parking, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday, Bus Zone
3000	14th	East	RPP 7am-8:30pm	30-Minute Parking, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday, Zone 1 permit holders exempt
3000	14th	West	No-Parking entrance 7am-6:30pm M-S 2 hr. park 9:30-6:30pm M-F, bus zone	30-Minute Parking, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday, bus zone, entrance
3100	14th	East	Bus Zone, unregulated parking	Expanded bus zone, 30-Minute Parking, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
3100	14th	West	Construction Zone	north layby = taxi zone; south layby = entrance loading
3300	14th	East	Bus Zone, Loading Zone 9:30-6:30PM Park Spaces, 3hr Park 9-6:30pm	Bus zone, loading zone, 1-Hour Parking, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
3300	14th	West	Bus Zone, Loading Zone 9:30-6:30PM, 3hr unmetered parking 9-6:30pm	Bus zone; loading zone; 1-Hour Parking, 9:30am-4:00pm, Mon-Sat; No Standing or Parking, 7am-9:30am; 4pm-6:30pm, Mon-Fri
1500	Harvard	North	RPP Zone 1 7am-6:30pm	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1500	Harvard	South	RPP Zone 1 7am-6:30pm M-F, AM/PM Rush	No Change
1400	Harvard	North	RPP 7am-8:30pm	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1400	Harvard	South	RPP Zone 1 Parking 9:30-4 M-F, AM/PM Rush	No Change
1300	Harvard	North	RPP 7am-8:30pm	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1300	Harvard	South	RPP Zone 1 Parking 9:30-4 M-F, AM/PM Rush	No Change
1100-1200	Harvard	North	RPP 7am-8:30pm	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1100-1200	Harvard	South	RPP Zone 1 Parking 9:30-4 M-F, AM/PM Rush	No Change
1400	Irving	North	AM/PM Rush, Unrestricted Parking b/n Hyatt & 15th St.	No Parking (curb extended)
1400	Irving	South	AM/PM Rush, Unrestricted Parking, Bus Zone	No Parking (curb extended)
1300	Irving	North	RPP Zone 1 7am-8:30	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1300	Irving	South	No Parking, 7am-6:30pm M-F	No Change
1100-1200	Irving	North	RPP Zone 1 7am-8:30	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1100-1200	Irving	South	No Parking, 7am-6:30pm M-F	No Change
1300	Kenyon	North	RPP Zone 1 7AM-8:30PM, AM/PM Rush	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 9am-4:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1300	Kenyon	South	RPP Zone 1- 7AM-8:30 PM	No change
1100-1200	Kenyon	North	RPP Zone 1 7AM-8:30PM, AM/PM Rush	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 9am-4:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1100-1200	Kenyon	South	RPP Zone 1- 7AM-8:30 PM	No Change

Block	Street	Side of Street	Existing Regulations	New Regulation
1400	Park	North	No Parking except Sunday	No change
1400	Park	South	1hr Park meter 7am-6:30 M-F, unrestricted parking b/n Hyatt & Pine St.	1-hour Meters, Ward 1 RPP holders exempt
1300	Park	North	No Parking Loading Zone, No Parking Grocery Pick Up 6am-11pm, Bus zone	Bus Zone, 1-hour Meters, Loading Zone, Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1300	Park	South	Bus Zone, Loading Zone, RPP Zone 1	Bus zone, 1-hour Meters, Loading Zone Ward 1 RPP holders exempt from meters
1100-1200	Park	North	RPP Zone 1	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday
1100-1200	Park	South	No Parking Anytime	No Change
1400-1500	Monroe	North	RPP Zone 1 M-F 7AM-8:30PM 2Hr. Meter 9:30AM-6:30PM M-F	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-8:30pm, Monday-Saturday (meters retained)
1400-1500	Monroe	South	RPP Zone 1 M-F 7AM-8:30PM 2Hr. Meter 9:30AM-6:30PM M-F	No Change
1300	Monroe	North	RPP Zone 1 7AM-10PM M-S, Loading Zone M-Sat. 7AM-6:30PM	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-10pm, Monday-Saturday, Loading zone
1300	Monroe	South	No Parking	No Change
1100-1200	Monroe	North	RPP Zone 1 7AM-10PM M-S	Zone 1 Permitted Parking Only, 7am-10pm, Monday-Saturday
1100-1200	Monroe	South	No Parking Anytime	No Change