

PROPOSED RECERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM  
AREA A

1. INTRODUCTION

On May 25, 1993 Title 5 of the Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549, of the Residential Parking Permit Program (R.P.P.P.), section 549.06 was amended so that the Parking Permit Officer (Planning Director) would verify to City Council every four years that affected residents still need and desire the program. This ordinance currently reads that in determining to renew a designated area for the R.P.P.P., the Parking Permit Officer (Planning Director) shall certify the continued existence of the primary impactor on which official designation was based, and certify that seventy percent of households, by petition, survey or combination thereof, still desire participation in the program. Part of this verification includes a briefing of the City Planning Commission prior to submitting verification to City Council.

2. R.P.P.P. DISTRICT

The area to be recertified is Area "A", Lawrenceville / Bloomfield. This district includes the Area bounded by Davison Street from 45th Street to Urbana Way, Urbana Way from Davison to Government Way, Government Way from Urbana Way to Fisk Street, Fisk Street from Government Way to Penn Avenue, Penn Avenue from Fisk Street to Main Street, Main Street and Liberty Avenue from Penn Avenue to Cedarville Street, Cedarville and Edmond Streets from Liberty Avenue to Penn Avenue, Penn Avenue from Edmond Street to 45th Street, and 45th Street from Penn Avenue to Davison Street.

3. BACKGROUND

Originally, the reason for lack of sufficient legal on-street parking spaces for residents in Lawrenceville / Bloomfield, Area "A" was due to employees to the various Lawrenceville and Bloomfield Hospitals, commuters riding the Friendship Avenue and Penn Avenue busses to work and employees going to businesses on Liberty Avenue and Penn Avenue which saturated this residential neighborhood with parked vehicles.

The Lawrenceville / Bloomfield residents desired to reduce this volume of non-residential parking on residential streets by establishing a residential parking program as a means of achieving this reduction. Area "A" R.P.P.P. was approved in May of 1982. The District was expanded further into Bloomfield in 1986 and closer to Butler Street in 1993.

#### 4 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Recertification is based on the questionnaire results, parking survey, an analysis of primary impactors, and feedback from community leaders.

The following is a summary with the key points highlighted:

##### a. QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

**By sending out questionnaires, the R.P.P.P. was able to determine that the majority of Lawrenceville / Bloomfield residents still desired the program. Of the 1160 questionnaires sent in 2002, 293 were returned (25%) showing that 75% of those with an opinion (5% more than the required criteria) were still in favor of the program. The questionnaires showed that only 25% of permit holders, with an opinion, believe the program had created hardships for them, 77% found it easier or the same to park near their homes in the last year, and only 15% found it more difficult. The 1996 survey found 76% (6% more than the required criteria) were still in favor of the program. Only 24% of the permit holders with an opinion, believe the program had created any hardship for them, 82% found it easier or the same to park near their homes in the last year and only 11% found it more difficult.**

- o In 2003, 32% of the permit holders, with an opinion, found it very difficult to park near their home prior to the implementation of the program. In 1996 that percentage was 37%. This decrease is partially a result of new residents moving into the district. This carried over into other results.
- o In 2002, 81% of the permit holders, with an opinion, are satisfied with the boundaries of the program. In 1996 that percentage was 84%.
- o In 2002, 82% are satisfied with hours of the program. In 1996 that percentage was 76%.
- o In 2002, 60% are satisfied with enforcement of the program. In 1996, that percentage was 50%.

In 2002, the greatest number of complaints were regarding the lack of enforcement particularly in the early evening (91 complaints), not enough visitors' passes (49 complaints), dislike for the new visitors passes (42 complaints), the need for longer enforcement hours (29 complaints), and the need to expand the permit Area (20 complaints). We will inform the Parking Authority on the concerns regarding enforcement and the new visitors' passes. We will meet with the permit holders later this year to discuss changes in the boundaries and increasing the hours of the program. While the limitation in the number of visitors' has been an ongoing issue, we feel that this will only increase the pressure on parking and are not considering a change in this restriction at this time.

b. PARKING SURVEY RESULTS

**The Parking Survey Results showed that the program is still needed for Lawrenceville / Bloomfield and was effective in providing at least 23% more spaces for these residents to park in on the streets.**

The results of the on street parking inventory and parking accumulation counts for the summer of 1996 are presented in Table A (page 4). Table B (page 4) shows the number of vehicles parked during the survey that were residential and non-residential. Area "A" was surveyed on July 12, 1999, July 26, 1991 and August 11, 1999. Only those streets surveyed are included in the chart.

Table A presents for each block face and for area "A", the following information:

- Number of residential parkers on each street.
- Number of non-residential parkers (without permit or visitor pass) on each street
- Number of visitor pass parkers on each street.
- Total number of parkers.
- Total available spaces for each street.

Table B presents for each street and for area "A", the following information:

- Percentage of resident parkers on each street.
- Percentage of non-resident parkers (without visitor pass or permit) on each street.
- Percent of spaces occupied on each street.

As shown on Table B, the total percent of spaces occupied in 1999 was 52%, with 24% being non-resident vehicles. Approximately 48% of available spaces are still left for residents to park. Prior to the program no more than 25% of the spaces were available to the residents. Therefore, there has been at least a 23% increase in the spaces available to the residents.

**Due to the program, there has been a decrease of 23% spaces being occupied in Area "A" showing that the Residential Parking Permit Program has definitely worked for the Lawrenceville / Bloomfield, Area "A".**

STREET NAMES	TABLE A			TOTAL NO. PARKERS	TOTAL AVAILABLE SPACES
	RES. PARKERS	NON-RES. PARKERS	VISITORS' PASSES		
Millgate Street	34	2	7	43	66
Penn Avenue	9	13	1	23	36
42 <sup>nd</sup> Street	17	12	3	32	35
Carroll Street	6	1	0	7	32
Pearl Street	30	2	7	39	107
Rosina Street	5	5	0	10	17
Calvin Street	9	7	1	17	17
Corday Street	6	1	4	11	22
Taylor Street	8	5	2	15	45
Joliet Way	2	1	0	3	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>386</b>

STREET NAMES	TABLE B		
	% RES PARKERS	% NON-RES PARKERS	% SPACES OCCUPIED
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Millgate Street	80	5	65
Penn Avenue	39	57	64
42 <sup>nd</sup> Street	53	36	91
Carroll Street	86	14	22
Pearl Street	77	5	36
Rosina Street	50	50	59
Calvin Street	53	41	100
Corday Street	55	9	50
Taylor Street	53	33	33
Joliet Way	67	33	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>52</b>

c. PRIMARY IMPACTORS

The ordinance requires us to identify that the primary impactors are still in existence. During the past two years we have received a number of request both north and east of Area "A" requesting inclusion because of the parking impaction by employees and visitors to Saint Francis (soon to be Children's) Hospital and Employees of business on Butler Street. When we checked wit the developer of Children's Hospital, they informed us that there could be as many as 800 workers on the project at any given time.

d. FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY

The Department of City Planning held a meeting for Area "A" permit holder on November 18, 2002. 18 permit holders attended this meeting. While some of the Lawrenceville residents wanted the Residential Parking Permit Program to be suspended during the construction of Children's Hospital, most of those at the meeting wanted the program to continue when the Hospital was operational.

5 RECERTIFICATION

As conclusion, our analysis has shown that, 75%, 5% more then the required criteria of 70% for inclusion into the program, are still in favor of the program. Second, the Residential Parking Permit for the Lawrenceville / Bloomfield, Area "A", has freed-up at east an additional 23% available spaces for the residents as reflected in 1999 survey. Third, the primary impactor Saint Francis (soon Children's) Hospital still poses a danger of their employees and visitors using the residential streets for their parking. Last, most of the permit holders who express an opinion requested the recertification Area "A" (Lawrenceville / Bloomfield).

**Because of this analysis, it is recommended that R.P.P.P. Area "A" (Lawrenceville / Bloomfield) be recertified.**