

PROPOSED RECERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM AREA S1. 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 "S", North Oakland/Herron Hill. This district includes Avalon Street, Brackenridge Street, Allequippa Street (Brackenridge Street to Avalon Street), Ewart Drive, Bryn Mawr Road (Iowa Street to Centre Avenue), and Centre Avenue (Iowa Street to Bigelow Boulevard).

3. BACKGROUND

Originally, the reason for lack of sufficient legal on-street parking spaces for residents in North Oakland/Herron Hill, Area "S" was due to employees to Veterans Hospital and the students and employees going to Schenley High School and the University of Pittsburgh which saturated this residential neighborhood with parked vehicles.

The North Oakland/Herron Hill 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 "S" R.P.P.P became effective February 19, 1992, and was implemented that following May.

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 North Oakland/Herron Hill residents still desired the program. Of the 75 questionnaires sent this year, 18 were returned (24%) showing that 75% (5% more than the required criteria) were still in favor of the program. The questionnaires showed that only 15% of permit holders, with an opinion, believe the program had created hardships for them, 95% found it easier or the same to park near their homes in the last year, 5% found it more difficult

- o 47% of the permit holders, with an opinion, found it very difficult to park near their home prior to the implementation of the program.
- o 94% of the permit holders, with an opinion, are satisfied with the boundaries of the program.
- o 88% of the permit holders, with an opinion, are satisfied with hours of the program.
- o 68% of the permit holders, with an opinion, are satisfied with enforcement of the program.

b. PARKING SURVEY RESULTS

The Parking Survey Results showed that the program is still needed for North Oakland/Herron Hill and was effective in providing 31% more spaces for these residents to park in on the streets surveyed.

The results of the on-street parking inventory and parking accumulation counts for the summer of 1999 and prior to the program of each street are presented in Table A (page 3). Area "S" was surveyed on September 26, 2001.

The total spaces available in Area "S" are 194 with 85 permits currently in use, leaving 109 more spaces available. Only those streets surveyed are included in the chart.

STREET NAMES	RES. PARKERS	NON-RES. PARKERS	VISITORS' PASSES PARKERS	TOTAL NO. PARKERS	TOTAL AVAILABLE
Avalon Street	17	4	1	22	40
Brackendridge Street	13	7	4	24	22
Bryn Mawr Road	0	1	0	1	4
Centre Ave	11	45	5	61	96
Ewart Drive	0	1	0	1	15
<i>Total</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>194</i>

STREET NAMES	% RES PARKERS	% NON-RES PARKERS	% SPACES OCCUPIED	% SPACES OCCUPIED PRIOR TO PROGRAM	% DIFFERENCE
Avalon Street	77	18	58	70	-12
Brackendridge Street	54	29	101	105	-4
Bryn Mawr Road	0	100	5	33	-28
Centre Avenue	18	82	64	97	-33
Ewart Drive	100	.10	33	22	-33
<i>Total</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>-31</i>

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

- o Number of residential parkers on each street.
- o Number of non-residential parkers (without permit or visitor pass) on each street
- o Number of visitor pass parkers on each street.
- o Total number of parkers.
- o Total available spaces for each street.
- o Percentage of resident parkers on each street.
- o Percentage of non-resident parkers (without visitor pass or permit) on each street.
- o Percent of spaces occupied on each street.
- o Percent of spaces occupied on each street prior to the program.
- o Difference between the percent of space occupied on each street prior to the program to the street surveys of the summer of 1999.

As shown on Table A, the total percent of spaces occupied in 1995 was 29%, with 39% of these spaces being occupied by non-resident vehicles. Approximately 44% of available spaces are still left for residents to park in when before the program there were 13% of the spaces available.

Prior to the program, 87% of the spaces were being utilized.

Due to the program, there has been a decrease of 31% spaces being occupied showing that the Residential Parking Permit Program has definitely worked for the North Oakland/Herron Hill, Area "S".

c. PRIMARY IMPACTORS

To determine if the primary impactors still existed, a survey was done on September 26, 2001 of people parking on Centre Avenue between Iowa Street and Bryn Mawr Road. Of the 32 vehicles parked on the street, 28 destinations were established. Of these 28, 61% (17 vehicles) were parked there while the driver was at the University of Pittsburgh, 25% (7 vehicles) were parked there while the driver was at the Veterans Hospital, and 14% (4 vehicles) were residential parkers with permits.

d. QUESTIONNAIRE RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the questionnaire be revisited and the question, "Are you in favor of the continuation of the Residential Parking Permit Program?" be added to the existing questions. The reason for this is that the current methodology used in determining the residents' favor or disapproval of the continuation of the program is not specific enough to provide the most accurate representation of the information that is needed.

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 North Oakland/Herron Hill, Area "S", has freed-up 44% available spaces for the residents in 2001, compared with 29% being available before implementation of the program. This is an increase of 85% more spaces available. Third, the primary impactors Veterans Hospital and the University of Pittsburgh still pose a danger of using the residential streets to park on. Last, the permit holders are in favor of recertifying Area "S" (North Oakland/Herron Hill).

Because of this analysis, it is recommended that R.P.P.P. Area "S" (North Oakland/Herron Hill) be recertified.

