

PROPOSED RECERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM AREA "AA"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 "AA", Beechview (**see maps on page 6 and 7**). This district includes a section of Espy Street bounded by Dormont Borough and Wenzell Avenue (non-inclusive) in Beechview.

3. BACKGROUND

Originally, the reason for lack of sufficient legal on-street parking spaces for residents in Beechview, Area "AA" was due to the proximity of Residential Parking Permit Zone 5 in Dormont.

The Beechview 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 "AA" R.P.P.P. was approved in April of 2003.

4. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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

- a. Questionnaire Results
- b. Parking Survey
- c. Primary Factors
- d. Feedback from the Community
 - Table 1 (2007 data)

5. RECERTIFICATION

Summary of the facts and recommendation of Planning Department.

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 Beechview residents still desired the program. Of the six (6) questionnaires sent in 2007, one (1) was returned (16.6%) showing that 100% (30% more than the required criteria and 30% more than the last recertification) who had an opinion were still in favor of the program. The questionnaires showed that 0% of permit holders, with an opinion, believe the program had created hardships for them, 100% found it easier or the same to park near their homes in the last year, 0% found it more difficult

- 100% of the permit holders, with an opinion, and lived in the permit area prior to the program implementation, found it very difficult to park near their home prior to the implementation of the program.
- 100% of the permit holders, with an opinion, are satisfied with the boundaries of the program.
- 100% of the permit holders, with an opinion, are satisfied with hours of the program.
- 100% 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 Beechview and was effective in providing at least 84% more spaces in the Beechview section of Area “AA” for these residents to park in on the street surveyed.

The results of the on-street parking inventory and parking accumulation counts for the summer of 2007 of Espy Street is presented in **Table 1 (page 4)**. Area “AA” was surveyed on March 20, 2007. The total spaces available in Area “AA” are eleven (11) with six (6) permits in use during the 2006 - 2007 permit year. However, this does not take into account the available off street spaces.

Table 1 present's data for each block face in Area "AA", 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 parkers with visitor passes on each street.
- Total number of parkers.
- Total available spaces for each street.
- 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.
- Percent of spaces occupied on each street prior to the program.
- 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 1**, the total percent of spaces occupied in 2007 was 9%. Of these, 0% were non-resident vehicles. Approximately 91% of parking spaces are still available for residents to park in. Before the program 100% of the spaces were unavailable to the residents.

As a result of the program, there are 91% more available spaces in Beechview. This shows that the Residential Parking Permit Program has definitely worked for the Beechview, Area "AA".

c. PRIMARY IMPACTORS

The ordinance requires us to identify that the primary impactors are still in existence. In the questionnaires, one (1) resident stated that individuals used to park on the street illegally. Parking by non-residents in Area "AA" is mainly generated by the existence of the Residential Parking Permit Program in the Borough of Dormont. Ordinance No. 1243, No. 1372, and No. 1506 prove the existence of Dormont's Residential Parking Permit Program., thus proving the need to continue the Residential Parking Permit Program for Area "AA."

d. FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY

Due to the size of Area "AA," we felt that no community meeting was necessary. In place of the meeting, letters were sent to the Beechview Area Concerned Citizens and the Beechview Community Council informing them of the recertification process. We have received positive responses from the community leaders and do not expect any issues with recertifying Area "AA."

TABLE 1 - 2007 Field Study Data

STREET NAME	LEGAL ON-STREET CAPACITY	RES. PARKERS	% RES PARKERS	NON-RES. PARKERS	% NON-RES PARKERS	VISITORS PASSES
Espy Street	11	1	9%	0	0%	0
Total	11	1	9%	0	0%	0
STREET NAME	TOTAL NO. PARKERS	TOTAL AVAILABLE SPACES	% SPACES OCCUPIED			
Espy Street	1	11	9%			
Total	11	11	9%			
SECTIONS	% SPACES OCCUPIED	% SPACES OCCUPIED PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM	% DIFFERENCE			
Espy Street	9%	100%	-91%			
Total	9%	100%	-91%			

5. RECERTIFICATION

As conclusion, our analysis has shown that, 100%, 30% more than the required criteria of 70% for inclusion into the program, who had an opinion, are still in favor of the program. Second, the Residential Parking Permit Program for Beechview, Area "AA", has freed-up at least 91% available spaces for the residents as reflected in the 2007 survey, compared with less than 1% of the spaces available before implementation of the program. Lastly, the questionnaire response established an agreement to recertify Area "AA" (Beechview).

Because of this analysis, it is recommended that R.P.P. Area "AA" (Beechview) be recertified.