

Town of Riverdale Park
Public Hearing regarding Permit Parking
December 20, 2022
7:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Mayor Alan K. Thompson
CM Richard Smith, Ward 1
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Thomas Sadiq, Ward 4
CM Karen Mejia, Ward 5
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk/Director of Administrative Services
Ryan Chelton, Development Services Director
Rosa Guixens, Acting Chief of Police
Ivy Lewis, Director of Public Projects and Services
Paul Smith, Director of Finance and Employee Services
Robert Turner, Captain, Riverdale Park Police Department

Absent

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2

Call to Order

Mayor Thompson called the public hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing

Administrative Services Director Jessica Barnes provided an overview of Ordinance 2022-OR-11 regarding permit parking.

CM Smith asked who could apply for a parking permit and Director Barnes explained that the person applying for a parking permit must reside in the specified permit parking zone.

Resident T. Hutchings of Woodberry Street asked how many parking permits would be allowed for each residence on his street. Director Barnes stated that Woodberry Street was not included in the permit parking program as the Town did not own the streets yet. Director Barnes discussed the process for the creation of new permit parking zones.

Mr. Hutchings asked if residents of the apartment building in Riverdale Park Station could apply for a parking permit and Director Barnes explained that it depended on how the permit parking zones were configured. Mr. Hutchings expressed his concerns regarding residents of the apartment building obtaining parking permits for on street parking.

Resident Tamera Helvetius of Madison Hill asked about the proposed change from four parking permits per residence to two parking permits per residence in the Madison Hill community. Director Barnes discussed the feedback received during the Community Meeting in Madison Hill and the characteristics of the community.

Ms. Helvetius asked about visitor parking permits and Director Barnes provided an overview of the visitor parking permits section of the ordinance.

Resident Zachary Schulman of 47th Street asked about visitor parking permits related to contractors performing work at a residence and the anticipated turnaround time for visitor parking permits. Director Barnes discussed visitor parking permits and stated that visitor parking permits would be available at the police department.

Resident Nestor Vasquez stated that he had attended the Community Meeting and had expressed his desire to be included in the permit parking program. Director Barnes provided an overview of the process for adding new permit parking zones.

Resident Leo Dorsey discussed his concerns related to outsourcing the enforcement of the permit parking zones and Town Manager Lestitian replied that the police department would handle the enforcement of the permit parking zones.

CM Smith asked if renters paid municipal income tax and Director Barnes replied in the affirmative.

Resident David Janifer of Madison Hill discussed his concerns regarding repeat offenders and advocated for a process to address repeated offenses. Director Barnes stated that Ordinance 2022-OR-11 included processes that would address his concerns.

Mayor Thompson thanked the residents for attending the public hearing and for providing their comments and questions.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.