

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 19, 2017

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER /s/

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Consideration of Receipt of the Draft Amendment to City Code Section 10-4-8 to Allow for the Provision of an Exemption to the Existing 72-hour On-Street Parking Rule and Indicate Next Steps.

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ISSUE: Receive report on draft amendment to City Code section 10-4-8 to create an exemption to the existing 72-hour on-street parking rule and indicate next steps.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council receive this report on potentially amending the existing 72-hour on-street parking rule and consider directing the City Manager to docket the ordinance (Attachment1) for first reading consideration at Council's May 9, 2017 Legislative Meeting.

BACKGROUND: In 2016, Vice Mayor Wilson raised the issue and City Council concurred in directing staff to review the 72-hour on-street parking rule. Subsequently this project was added to the Citywide Parking Work Plan. City Code Section 10-4-8 currently prohibits vehicles from parking in the same place on City streets for more than 72-hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. This rule applies to all vehicles—including vehicles parked with stickers in Residential Parking Permit (RPP) districts. There are varying opinions about the original intent of this decades old rule. In practice today, the rule is used to encourage the turnover of on-street parking spaces. Different sections of City Code address abandoned vehicles (sections 5-8-21 and 5-8-22).

Following an extensive public outreach process including a subcommittee of the Traffic and Parking Board, review by the Alexandria Police Department and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, staff has developed a draft amendment to the ordinance and is requesting City Council input and guidance on next steps is recommended. The amendment, which was unanimously approved by the Traffic and Parking Board at its March 27, 2017 meeting, proposes an exemption process for the 72-hour rule. It would provide residents relief by allowing a vehicle to park on-street for a maximum of two weeks within 1/8 mile of a resident's home address. Exemptions would be provided on a per-vehicle basis. Residents would be allowed to apply for an exemption a maximum of four times per year per vehicle. As

proposed, no more than two contiguous exemptions would be provided per vehicle. All on-street restrictions would still be applicable; therefore, exempted vehicles would still be subject to restrictions in RPP districts should they not have the necessary RPP decal.

DISCUSSION: To begin the rule review, staff first undertook a preliminary analysis of enforcement data in the City between the years 2010 and 2015 (Attachment 2). Enforcement for section 10-4-8 is typically generated through resident complaints and is treated contextually. Officers who field complaints place a check notice on a vehicle and return within 72 hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and holiday hours). If a car has not been moved, an officer may cite the vehicle. Fine amounts are \$25. Vehicles cited multiple times (or vehicles that appear to be abandoned) are impounded at the discretion of the responding officer. The enforcement analysis showed that 87% percent of the enforcement related to this rule was driven by citizen reports, and that vehicles were moved 83% of the time upon an officer's second vehicle check. The analysis also indicated that reports are generated Citywide.

Public Outreach

Following this enforcement analysis, staff initiated a larger public process. This process included an AlexEngage questionnaire garnering 783 responses, a Citywide open house, two meetings of a subcommittee of the Traffic and Parking Board with time allotted for public comment, and a public hearing at the Traffic and Parking Board. Each of the aforementioned outreach components was advertised via eNews, T&ES social media, and the project's webpage. Additionally, local media sources covered the AlexEngage questionnaire and open house. The AlexEngage questionnaire results (Attachment 3) and the public comment package (Attachment 4) depict a broad spectrum of perspectives and preferences related to potential rule changes. In general, the preferred options tend to favor repeal of the existing ordinance or the creation of an exemption system. However, during the public open house and Traffic and Parking Board subcommittee meetings and Board hearing, staff received several comments from citizens who favor maintaining the rule as it exists today.

A subcommittee of the Traffic and Parking Board met twice to assess policy directions. Consistent with the broad spectrum of opinions related to the rule, the subcommittee was unable to reach consensus on a preferred policy direction but generally favored keeping the rule as is or creating an exemption process. This body directed City staff to propose amendment language for a potential exemption for consideration by the full Traffic and Parking Board. At its regular meeting on March 27, 2017, the Traffic and Parking Board's full body unanimously recommended that the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services advance the proposed City Code ordinance, which creates the exemption (Attachment 1), to City Council for consideration.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed exemption provides residents relief from section 10-4-8 by allowing a vehicle to park on-street for a maximum of two weeks within 1/8-mile of a resident's home address. Exemptions would be provided on a per-vehicle basis. Residents would be allowed to apply for an exemption a maximum of four times per year per vehicle. As proposed, no more than two contiguous exemptions would be provided per vehicle. All on-street restrictions would still be applicable; therefore, exempted vehicles would still be subject to restrictions in RPP districts

should they not have the necessary RPP decal. Staff suggests the consideration of the 1/8-mile limit based on public input. Some residents noted that they do not have dependably available parking spaces immediately adjacent to or across from their homes. Often this is due to existing “no parking” restrictions, curb extensions, the linear length of their frontage, or proximity to non-residential land uses. One eighth of a mile is approximately 660 feet, or the width of two city blocks in Old Town.

In total, the proposed exemptions allow a maximum of 56 days of relief per vehicle per year. As staff recommends that no more than two contiguous exemptions be granted, a vehicle could potentially be parked on-street in the same location for a period of 28 days. This should allow residents sufficient time to park on-street for vacation or business travel, assuming they are not subject to other signed restrictions.

Implementation of Proposed Exemption

Staff considered a number of logistical elements for the management of an exemption registration system. As posting exemptions on vehicle windshields may invite break-ins, staff proposes a system that is managed electronically. Using an online form, plates will be registered and approved through a system managed by the APD in coordination with T&ES. The exemption provision is slated to sunset on December 31st, 2018, at which time T&ES and APD will review a year’s worth of data between June 2017 and June 2018 to assess existing procedures and resident needs. Any necessary changes will be addressed in future Code changes. Should demand not warrant a continuation of the exemption program, staff will propose the removal of the exemption provision.

Next Steps

After consideration of the draft amendment, City Council could direct the City Manager to docket the proposed ordinance change for City Council consideration. There is no specific timetable except for the need to allow the necessary readings and public comment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Staff does not anticipate funding needs extending beyond the means of existing resources. The registration system will be automated. APD and T&ES staff will only monitor the automated system to approve exemption requests and respond to complaints. At the termination of the pilot, staff will reassess the program to determine whether or not fees should be considered to account for any administrative costs incurred by the program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Proposed Ordinance Language
- Attachment 2: Enforcement Analyses
- Attachment 3: AlexEngage Questionnaire Results
- Attachment 4: Public Comment Package
- Attachment 5: Presentation

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 10-4-8 (PARKING FOR MORE THAN 72 CONTINUOUS HOURS) of Chapter 4 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) of Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 10-4-8 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding the language shown as underlined:

Sec. 10-4-8 - Parking for more than 72 continuous hours.

Unless otherwise controlled by an official sign, the parking of any vehicle in the same place on the streets of the City for more than 72 hours is prohibited; provided that this prohibition shall not apply to the parking of a vehicle in the same place on the streets of the City on Saturday, Sunday and holidays, or any vehicle granted a 72-hour parking rule exemption as provided in subsection 10-4-8 (a).

(a) Exemption. A 72-hour parking rule exemption may be provided to residents by the Alexandria Police Department in coordination with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services pursuant to the regulations detailed in 10-4-8 (b). If granted, a 72-hour parking rule exemption will not supersede any posted signage. All hourly restrictions otherwise applicable to a parked vehicle remain subject to enforcement. The provisions of subsections 10-4-8 (a) and 10-4-8 (b) shall expire on December 31, 2018.

(b) Exemption regulations.

- (1) Exemptions shall only be granted to vehicles registered with the City of Alexandria.
- (2) Exemptions may not be transferred between vehicles.
- (3) Each exemption may be granted for a maximum of two weeks.
- (4) Vehicles may be granted a maximum of four exemptions per year.
- (5) Vehicles may be granted no more than two contiguous exemptions.
- (6) Vehicles will only be permitted to park within one-eighth mile of their place of residence. Vehicles granted exemptions found parking beyond this maximum radius will be subject to enforcement.
- (7) The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services and the Alexandria Police Department retain the right to move and store vehicles when necessary due to street maintenance, in cases of emergency, or as otherwise provided by law.

Section 2. That Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 10-4-8, as amended pursuant to Section

1 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the Code of the City of
2 Alexandria.

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4 Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of
5 its final passage.

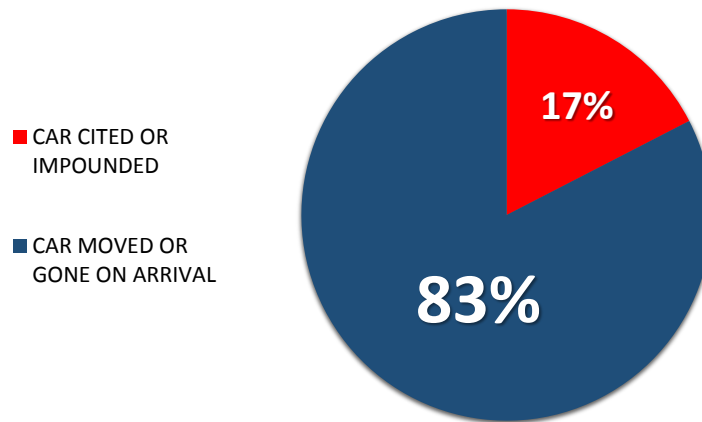
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7 ALLISON SILBERBERG
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11 Introduction: May 9, 2017
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13 Publication:
14 Public Hearing: May 13, 2017
15 Second Reading: May 13, 2017
16 Final Passage:
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Attachment 2 – Enforcement Analysis

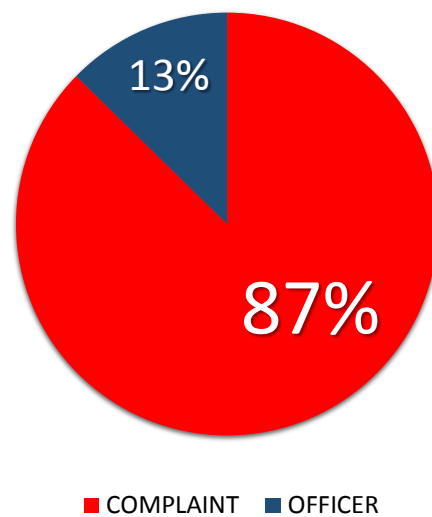
REPORT RESPONSES

(n = 7,520)



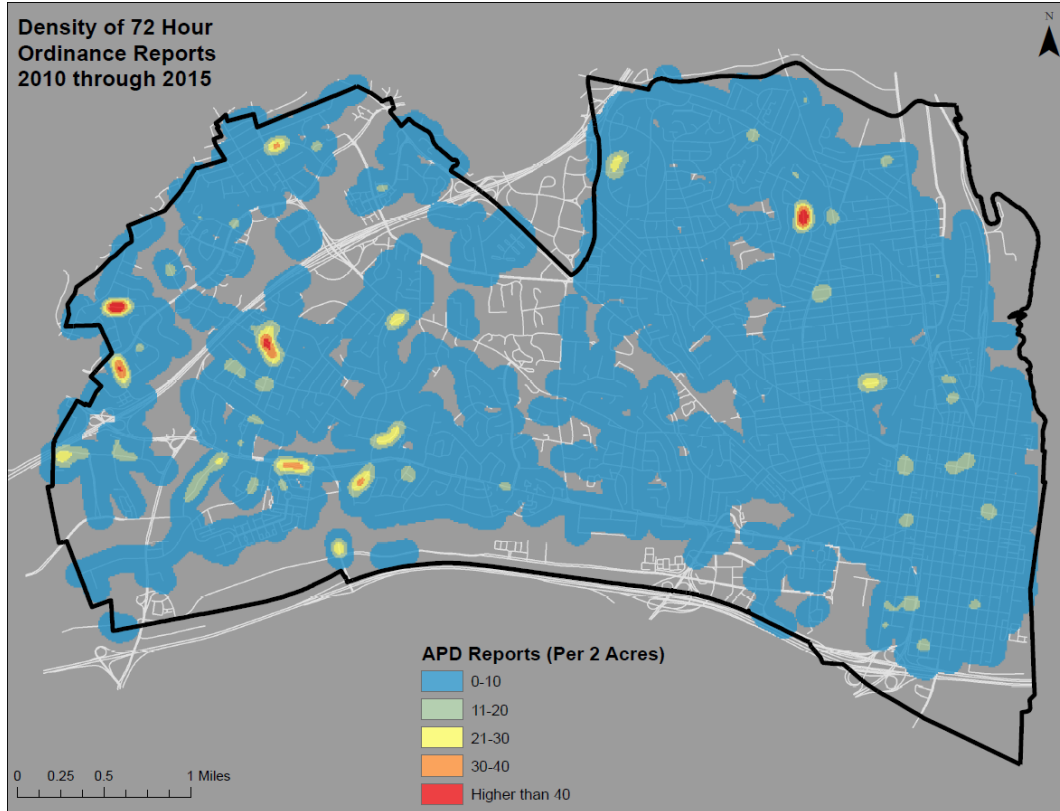
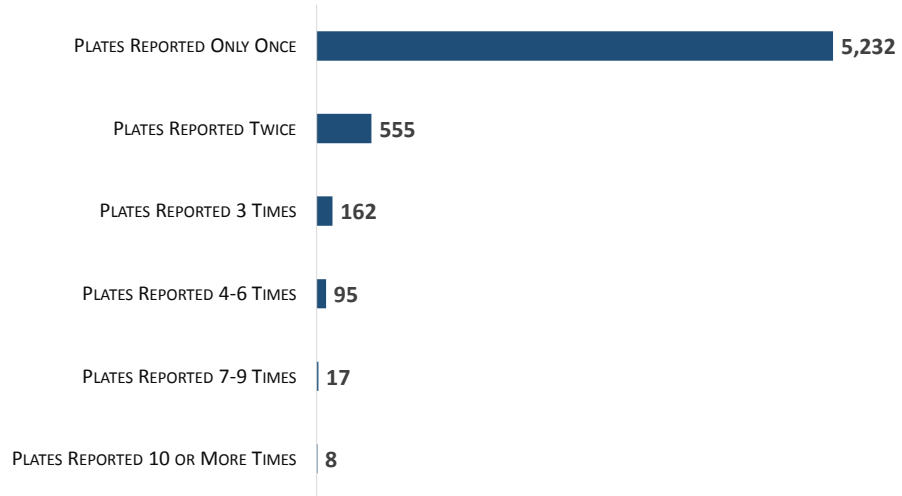
CITIZEN INITIATED REPORTS VS. OFFICER INITIATED REPORTS

(n = 7,520)



REPEAT OFFENDERS

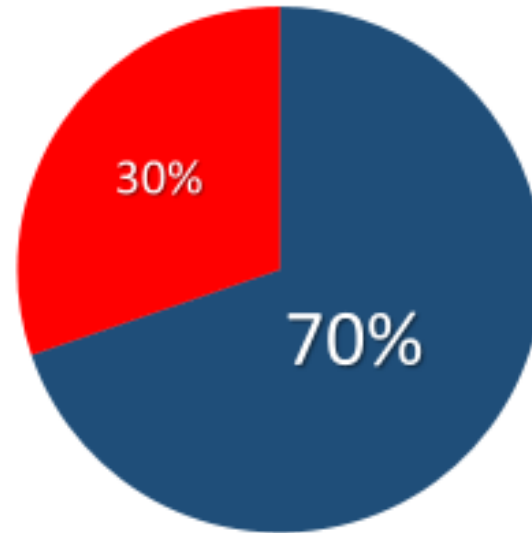
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MAXIMUM = 23 REPORTS FOR A SINGLE PLATE



Attachment 3 – AlexEngage Questionnaire

QUESTION ONE

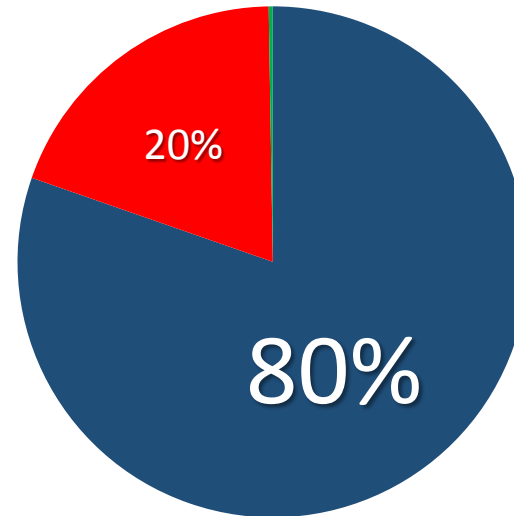
Prior to this questionnaire, were you aware that Alexandria has a rule preventing vehicles from parking on-street for over 72 hours?



■ Yes ■ No

QUESTION TWO

Do you ever need to park on-street for longer than 72 hours?



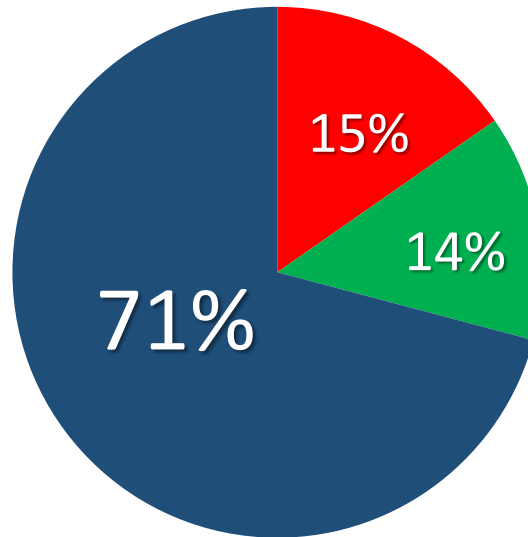
■ Yes

■ While I own a vehicle, I do not anticipate the need to park it on a public street for more than 72 hours.

■ I do not own a vehicle.

QUESTION THREE

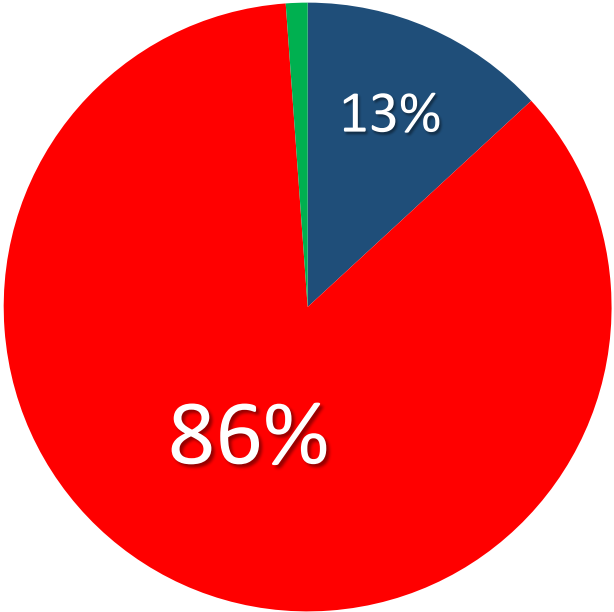
Have you ever contacted the Alexandria Police Department to report an infraction of the 72-hour rule?



- Yes, I have contacted APD to report a 72-hour rule infraction.
- I have not but would if I believed a vehicle had parked for over 72 hours.
- I have not and would not even if I believed a vehicle had parked for over 72 hours.

QUESTION FOUR

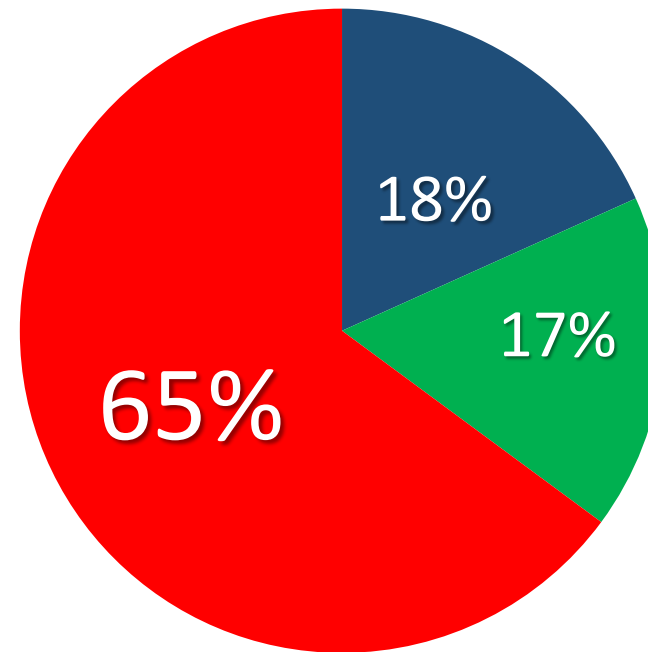
Have you ever received a citation or notice for a violation of the 72-hour rule or 48-hour abandoned vehicles rule?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure

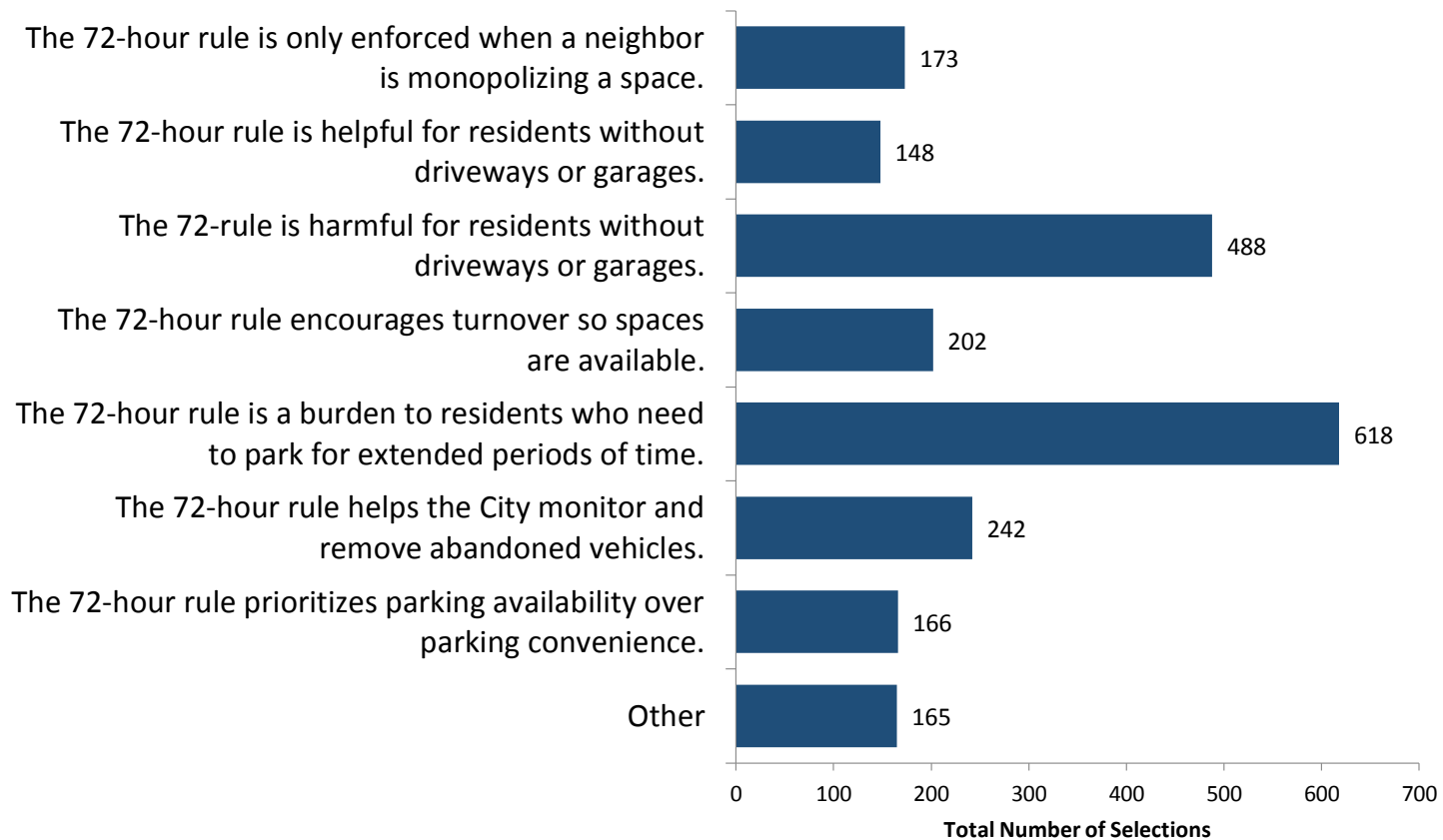
QUESTION FIVE

Have you ever noticed an abandoned vehicle on a public street in Alexandria? Choose the statement that best describes you.

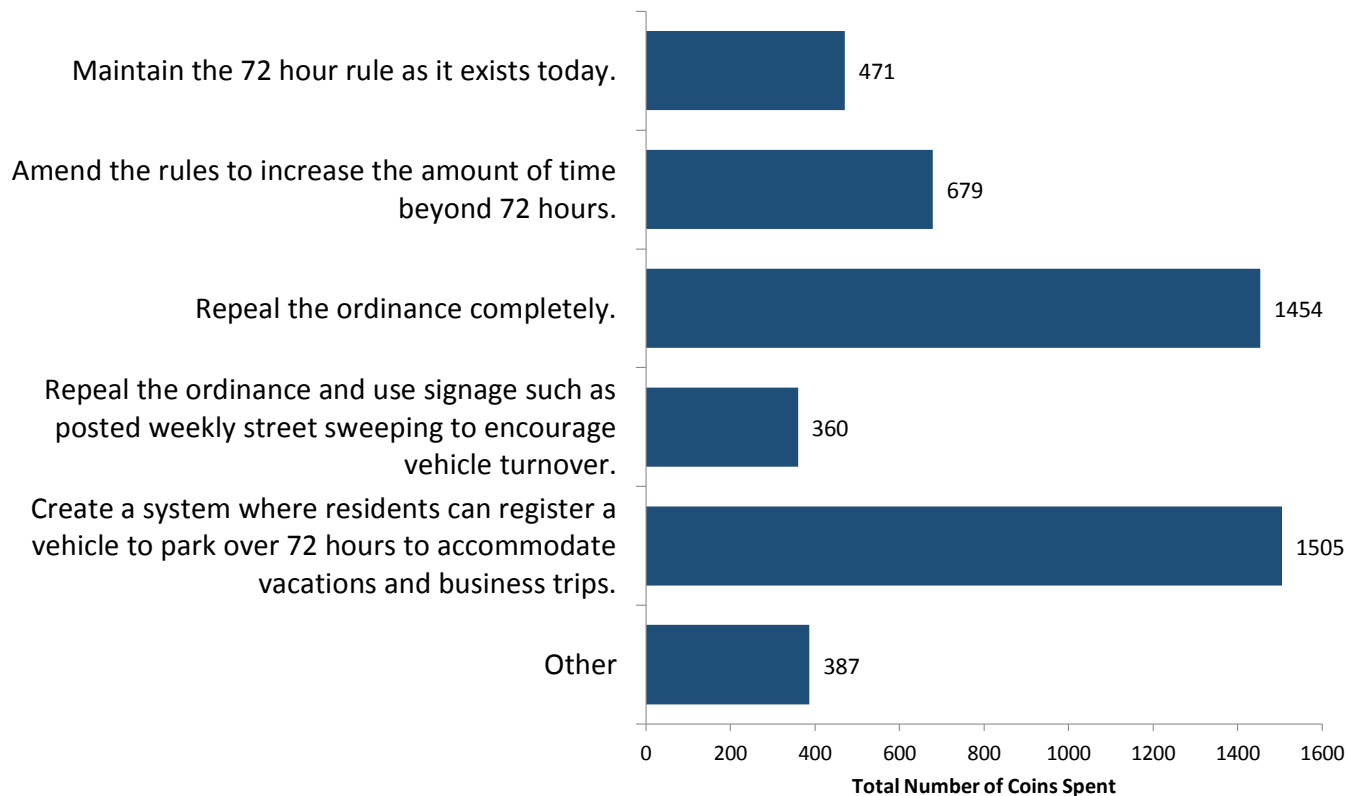


- I have noticed an abandoned vehicle on a public street in Alexandria and I have reported the vehicle to the police.
- I have noticed an abandoned vehicle on a public street in Alexandria but did not report it.
- I have neither noticed nor reported an abandoned vehicle on a public street in Alexandria.

QUESTION SIX: Which of the following statements do you believe are true? Select all that apply.

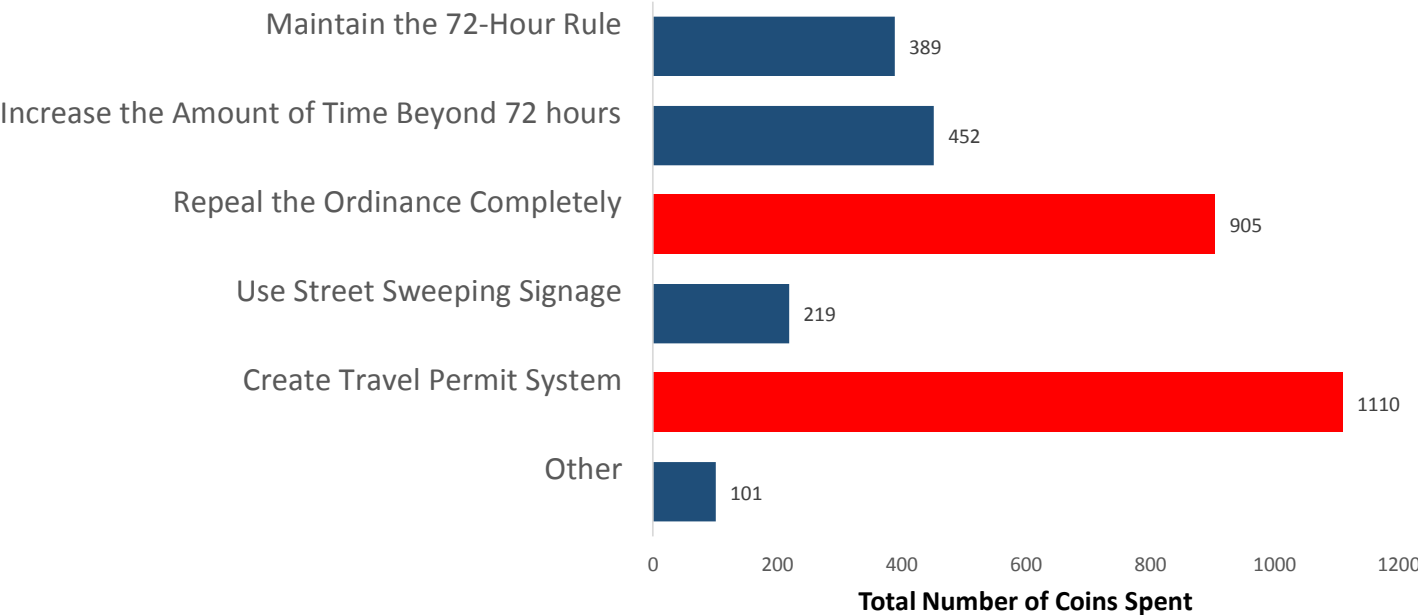


QUESTION SEVEN: The City is reviewing options for the 72-hour rule. Which outcomes are the most desirable for you? Spend your seven coins to show support for the outcomes you feel are best.



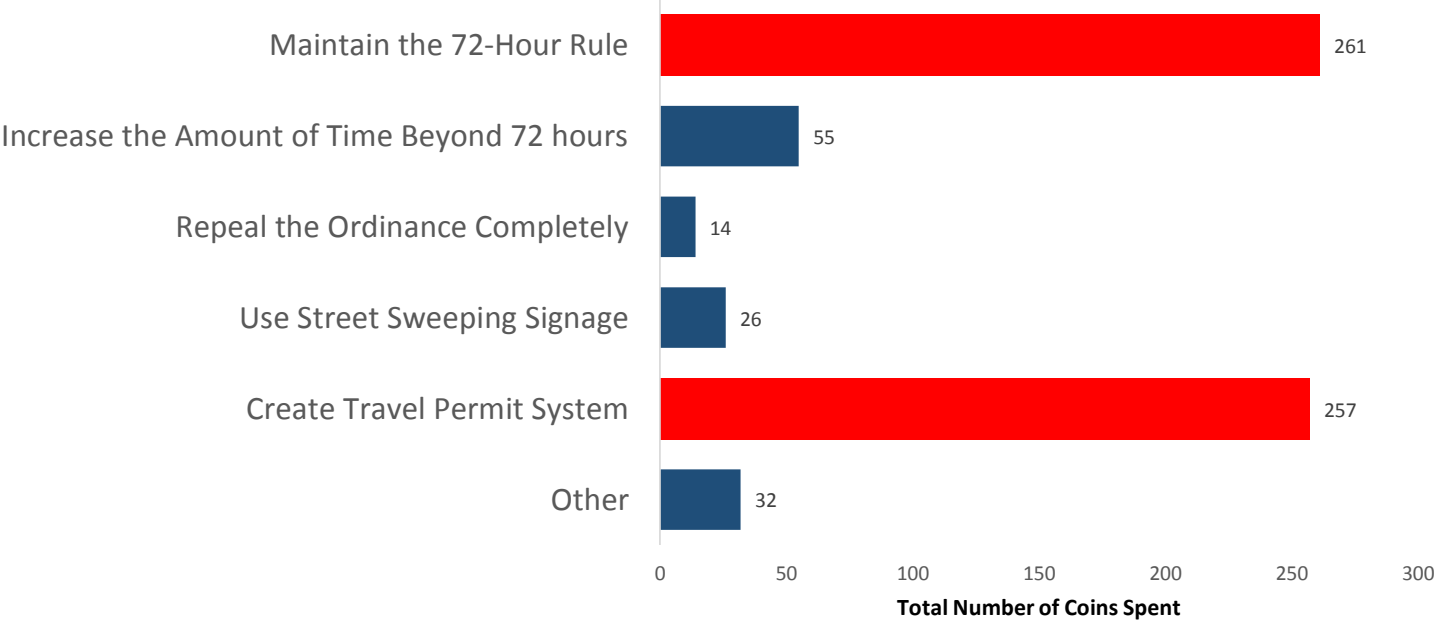
Options Preferences by Subset

Respondents who were Previously Aware of Rule (n = 546)



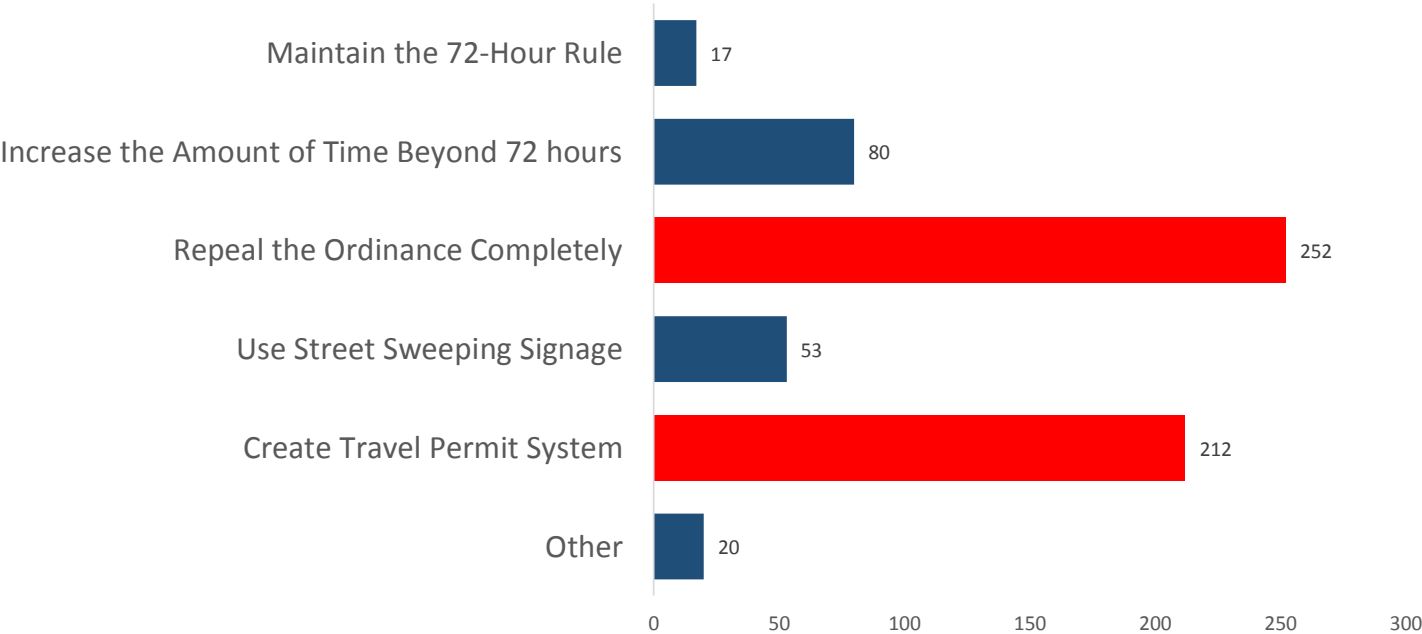
Options Preferences by Subset

Respondents who Previously Reported Infractions (n = 120)



Options Preferences by Subset

**Respondents who have been Reported
(n = 237)**



Attachment 4 – Public Comment Package

Public Comment Package

Open House Comments transcribed from Comment Form

Comments Received by Phone

Comments Received by Email

AlexEngage Questions 7 & 8 Open Responses

Open House Comments

February 16, 2017

Station Four – General Comments

Transposed from Comment Form by Patrick Reed (T&ES)

1. Carolyn Griglione – Seminary Hill

I think changing the rule will open up a whole can of worms. People who go on two month vacations (more/less) would be able to park their car on another street in a different neighborhood to provide parking in their own neighborhood.

Changing a rule because neighbors can't discuss a situation and come to a solution should not be the impetus for changing the 72-hour rule. They need to be civilized and neighborly.

Leave everything the way it is. The bigger issue is those who are not paying the required personal property fee. These people need to contribute.

2. Gordon Speed – North Ridge

The 72-hour rule is nothing but a farce that allows neighbor to serve as judge and jury over a car they would like to see removed. It generates little money, turn over in parking, and serves as a drain on the officers trying to enforce a rule that is outdated. Repeal this and take back your authority and stop neighbors from dictating what happens on their block.

3. Dan Hazelwood – Old Town

A legally permitted car with tags in good order and parking with a zone parking sticker should be immune from the 72-hour rule. A new special permitting process sucks life out of people to deal with bureaucracy. Even easy processes take 5 minutes. But sign-up etc. will quickly become 15-30 minutes. No thank you. I don't need time suck. Also the process, like all, will have glitches that will cost a few people 8 hours. Plus wrongful tickets will further create a hostile resident-city relationship.

4. Jacqueline Boucher – Fairlington Towne

Alexandria residents who pay taxes should be afforded the opportunity to park a reasonable number of vehicles near their homes and leave them. Should they need to leave town for business/pleasure. A permit system indicating the vehicle owner is an Alexandria resident who may travel could be issued or displayed on their vehicle(s).

Residents who routinely move their cars daily should also be protected when they need to travel.

5. Magee Whelan – City Hall Precinct, Thompson House Condo Association (first comment form)

Repeal it!

The original purpose is no longer relevant. If a car sits abandoned in Old Town (which seems to be a focus district) a neighbor will certainly complain to police.

- Yes, we should be able to park longer than 3 days without jumping through hoops.
- Yes, our local business patrons need options for customers.
- Yes, residents who have garage driveways should be aware of their egoism.
- Yes, we need our streets cleaned regularly (in Old Town)

If we go to a “travel permit” & keep the 72-hour rule, this should really be 0 cost. City Hall already provides visitor/guest permits that hand from rearview mirrors. The same application (permit) can be used to override the 72-hour rule.

Overheard – Fear of busy-body / stickler neighbors. That is really a sad statement.

Public Affairs Campaign – City should partner with our local papers, businesses. Visit Alexandria, and associations to try to build greater good will / listening / patience and understanding!

6. Keil Gentry – West Old Town Citizens Association

Situation: Many resident don't have off-street parking and the city doesn't allow creating off-street parking in many cases due to green-space requirements.

- Use of public transportation to the airport allows residents to leave their cars home when traveling.

Recommendations:

- Rescind to 72-hour rule and deal with abandoned vehicles through other ordinances.
- Allow permitting for residents parking over 72-hours, or
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- Extend 72-hour restrictions to 14 days

Permitting should be registering one's license plate instead of a placard that may alert vandals or thieves to a lucrative target.

7. Don Taylor – Fairlington Towne

Ride the Metro or bus, bike, walk to work.

8. Magee Whelan – City Hall Precinct, Thompson House Condo Association (second comment form)

As a long-term homeowner within 1 block of City Hall, the two primary parking problems and solutions are:

- a) City Hall Employees M-F 8am-6pm: Every day numerous employees “rotate their cars when questioned, several have been rude. Please replace their former lot + shuttle.
- b) Non-permit holders who are parking “hoarders” taking 2 spaces for a single car on tight residential streets. Make residential street parking 1-hour limit. Long lunchers/diners can use meters or lots. Real visitors can get passes from residents. Publicize our ability to print out the passes from online.

9. Brian Marvin – Burgess Square

As a taxpayer (Alexandria property tax, personal property tax) and paying for a parking sticker, why can't I park in front of my own house when we don't use the car weekdays and use public transportation thus reducing vehicle congestions and pollution. I already pay for a parking pass. Now do I have to pay more for a “virtual” parking pass?

Is this just scheme for the City to get more money?

10. Bert Ely – Old Town (transcribed from a statement provided to staff at the meeting)

The 72-hour rule is a misnomer; as a practical matter, it is a 144-hour rule, if not even longer, for this reason: Enforcement of the rule is highly unlikely to commence until some time after a vehicle already has been parked in one place for at least 72 hours; that is, the 72-hour clock for the purpose of enforcing the rule does not begin to tick until the 73rd hour, at the earliest, that the vehicle has been parked in a particular spot.

As an Old Town resident, with its perpetual shortage of parking spaces for residents and visitors, the 72-hour rule is crucial to preventing Old Town streets from becoming a free, long-term parking lot for cars with the appropriate residential parking permit. Further, based on comments I heard at Mayor Silberberg's January 7 “Mayor in Your Corner” meeting, insufficient on-street parking capacity is an issue in many neighborhoods throughout the City. I do not believe that fact has been given sufficient consideration by City staff. Attached to this statement is a map prepared by City staff illustrating the fact that complaints about cars violating the 72-hour rule occur across our City.

One impact of the 72-hour rule that appears to have not been acknowledged is the extent to which the rule deters the ownership of multiple vehicles by residents who do not have access to free off-street parking, such as a house's driveway or garage. With the rule in place, those residents who, for whatever reason, own cars they seldom drive have to find possibly costly off-street parking for those vehicles or they need to move such a vehicle at least once every six days in order to avoid a parking ticket.

Attachment 4 – Public Comment Package

Repeal of the 72-hour rule or creation of exceptions to the rule almost certainly will lead to an increase in the number of cars competing for parking spaces on the city's streets as that repeal will create a free good, i.e., free long-term on-street parking, where that good does not exist today. The creation of that free good will be very troublesome in the many areas of the city where there already is an insufficiency supply of on-street parking. As trite as this may seem, for many Alexandrians increased competition for scarce parking spaces will represent a significant deterioration in their quality of living.

Another argument in support of the 72-hour rule is the potential conflict, if the rule is repealed or the time period is extended, with temporary parking bans the City routinely establishes for the purposes of enabling residents to move furniture in or out of their home, tree trimming, street and utility repairs, parades, etc. Usually the signs announcing those temporary bans are posted just a few days before they take effect. Cars that don't get moved before the ban takes effect can be ticketed and even towed. Extending the 72-hour limit or abolishing it will increase the number of occasions when a car legitimately parked in one place will have to be towed because the owner had no reason to check his or her car to see if it needs to be moved because of a temporary parking ban.

In conclusion, before the 72-hour rule is amended or repealed, much more study is needed if the unintended consequences of doing so.

72-Hour Rule Phone Comments

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General Comments

Transcribed by Patrick Reed (T&ES)

1. Phone Message – Chet Avery (Rosemont)
Received January 10, 2017

Households with multiple cars are part of the problem. Some households have multiple cars, but do not have spaces to park these vehicles off-street. It's important for the neighborhood to have safeguards against those who abuse the privilege to park on-street.

2. Call Received - Anonymous Caller
January 11, 2017

The caller preferred to not identify himself. He supported an option where one could print out a guest pass. The caller also noted that the ordinance should not apply in parts of the City where no off-street parking solutions are available to residents (i.e. Old Town).

3. Call Received – Anonymous Caller
March 23, 2017

The caller preferred to not identify herself. She supported maintaining the rule as-is. The caller noted concerns about safety on the West End, stating that walks can be long and dark when one is not able to park directly in front of one's home. The caller noted moderate support for a potential exemption, but wondered why neighbors could not work together to move vehicles as needed.

72-Hour Rule AlexEngage Comments

AlexEngage Questionnaire Comments

Question 8 Responses

Unedited – Comments are Original to Respondents

Question 8 of AlexEngage solicited feedback on the 72-hour rule. 424 of 783 respondents chose to provide feedback using the open response text input box. The table below provides the full, unedited responses from each of the 424 who chose to leave comments. In some cases, respondents chose to leave identifying information. In such cases, identifying information is provided in the table below. The City’s contractor, Peak Democracy, did not identify any cases of fraudulent reporting based on its various proprietary analysis indicators.

Respondent	8. Do you have any additional thoughts or comments about the 72-hour rule?
Bert Ely	<p>The 72-hour rule is a misnomer; as a practical matter, it is a 144-hour rule, if not even longer, for this reason: Enforcement of the rule is highly unlikely to commence until some time after a vehicle already has been parked in one place for at least 72 hours; that is, the 72-hour clock for the purpose of enforcing the rule does not begin to tick until the 73rd hour, at the earliest, that the vehicle has been parked in a particular place. Therefore, the vehicle will not be ticketed until the seventh day if it has been parked in a particular spot.</p> <p>As an Old Town resident, with its perpetual shortage of parking spaces for residents and visitors, the 72-hour rule is crucial to preventing Old Town streets from becoming a free, long-term parking lot for cars with the appropriate residential parking permit. Further, based on comments I heard at Mayor Silberberg’s January 7 “Mayor on Your Corner” meeting, insufficient on-street parking capacity is an issue in many neighborhoods throughout the City. I do not believe that fact has been given sufficient consideration by City staff.</p> <p>Vehicle owners who will be away from Alexandria for more than six days have reasonable options for avoiding a parking ticket including, one, arranging for a family member, friend, or neighbor to periodically move the car or, two, making arrangements to park the vehicle off a city street while away. That arrangement may entail paying a parking fee, but that is preferable to the City providing free long-term parking on city streets.</p> <p>One impact of the 72-hour rule that appears to have not been acknowledged is the extent to which the rule deters the ownership of multiple vehicles by residents who do not have access to free off-street parking, such as a house’s driveway or garage. With the rule in place, those residents who, for whatever reason, own cars they seldom drive have to find possibly costly off-street parking for those vehicles or they need to move such a vehicle at least once every six days in order to avoid a parking ticket.</p> <p>Repeal of the 72-hour rule or creation of exceptions to the rule almost certainly will lead to an increase in the number of cars competing for</p>

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	<p>parking spaces on the city’s streets as that repeal will create a free good, i.e., free long-term, on-street parking, where that good does not exist today. The creation of that free good will be very troublesome in the many areas of the city where there already is an insufficient supply of on-street parking. As trite as this may seem, for many Alexandrians increased competition for scarce parking spaces will represent a significant deterioration in their quality of living.</p> <p>In addition to these substantive comments about the rule, the process by which the rule is being reconsidered is flawed. While there have been several hundred responses to AlexEngage on the 72-hour rule, in my opinion, the solicitation for comments on the rule was not publicized sufficiently for such an important, citywide issue. As best I can tell, the only solicitation for comments was through the City news release issued on January 6 “ that was insufficient notice to the many residents who have not signed up to receive City news releases. I am even more troubled by the City’s failure to publicize the work session a Traffic and Parking Board subcommittee will hold on January 23 at 6:30 p.m. It is not even clear if members of the public will be able to speak at that work session.</p> <p>Before Council considers any changes to the 72-hour rule, there needs to be much more public discussion of the options by which the 72-hour rule might be amended and whether there should be a uniform rule for the entire City or if the rule should vary by neighborhood, depending on the amount of on-street parking supply in a particular neighborhood.</p>
Name not available	I believe most residents are not aware of this ordinance. In addition it is a disincentive to commuting by mass transit, walking or bicycling. Thanks for conducting this review.
Name not shown	I do not believe residents parking in front of their own home should have to worry about moving their car, or take the time to register their vehicle if they are gone on vacation or a business trip, which could be frequently if one's job requires a lot of travel. Plus it is an advertisement of someone being gone if that information gets out to others with robbery in mind. Since the 72-hour rule only generally is enforced if someone complains, if wording is changed to allow parking longer if no one complains, then that would take care of it. I live along Royal Street so there is not generally a problem, but if someone on Fairfax, for example, can't park in front of their own home due to others parked there, and then they have to leave on travel the next day, if they let their neighbors know and the neighbors agreed, then that should be fine. If there was an instance where neighbors did not get along, then perhaps there could be an alternative available for the homeowner to register their vehicle in that case so that the neighbor who didn't like them didn't complain and get their car ticketed or towed. This would need to be able to be done remotely though, as usually a person wouldn't know if they couldn't park in front of their home until the night before their trip.
Name not shown	Most Old Town residents like myself have to park on the street because we have no garage or driveway. We shouldn't be penalized for parking in our designated residential zones while we are away on business or vacation. Moreover, many people choose to live in Old Town

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	because we want to be able to walk, bike, or Metro as much as possible and use our cars only when necessary. The 72 hour rule forces us to drive around unnecessarily every few days lest we get a ticket for an "abandoned" vehicle. That's just silly and doesn't make sense in a walkable, accessible community like ours.
James McTague	Make it a two-week rule.
Name not shown	Vehicles which are legally parked - all tags, zone permits, etc., - comply with street cleaning restrictions and are not visibly 'abandoned' should not be penalized. This law is not regularly enforced - which is a good thing - so it should be removed.
Name not available	If someone complains about a car parked for a long period of time, why doesn't parking enforcement call the car owner instead of ticketing? If you continue this ridiculous rule then you empower nosy busybody harrassers. Stop this rule
Name not available	This is so arbitrary and was made for a time when there were abandoned, unregistered, uninsured cars on the road. The city should stop this practice, but if you are foolish enough to continue it, then ticket the old jalopy in front of the Hard Times Cafe on Kind Street.
Name not shown	The rule as it currently stands is very burdensome for residents without a driveway. The costs outweigh the benefits, as it adds an unnecessary stress to parking every few days during the work week.
Name not shown	This is a very bad idea. I live in a community of 76 townhomes with 8 available visitor parking spaces. We depend (and hope) on available spaces on N. Hampton for our visitors. If the city revises their 72 hour rule N. Hampton will become long term parking not that it isn't already. It's the city's responsibility to require developers to provide adequate parking for their projects. I have watched people swap out cars, park cars and have someone pick them up, park their cars and walk up to W. Braddock and turn right. The majority of these cars park there for longer than 72 hours. There are cars parked along N. Hampton with out of state license plates for longer than 72 hours. These cars do not have military decals nor do they have car tax stickers. I thought one of the ideas behind raising our property taxes was to hire additional parking enforcement officers to monitor this situation. I also read (and couldn't find the reference) the parking tickets are only \$25. Maybe these finds should be raised to \$100. It would alleviate some of the problem and generate funds for the city to pay for parking enforcement that our property taxes were supposed to pay for.
Name not available	Last year a wrecked vehicle sat for seven months in the 5200 block of Holmes Run Parkway. This year I reported one that sat for seven weeks. Our parking enforcement is NOT enforced unless a complaint is made. In old town residents must have a permit to park over two hours. Also it would cut down on tax cheats that do not display a city decal.
Michael Bailey	The 72-hour rule leaves no accommodation or option for people who travel, and often times there are no alternatives. If I park just next to my house, and cars keep rotating in and out of the spot in front of my house to the point I cannot take the spot, and my neighbor reports my car, am I then expected to move my car further away from my house despite it being my best available spot? What if I have to leave town and the spot in front of my house is taken? If a number of cars spend over 72 hours and we have to report it it's going to make people who are reported report other cars so they can get their spot back to move in to where they likely won't get reported. This whole rule seems very underconsidered. I got a citation while I was out of town, and the person who likely cited me has an entire driveway.

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The current procedure of enforcement only through complaints creates animosity among neighbors. The City must change this procedure and/or the underlying ordinance.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>My neighbors had 4 vehicles and no driveway and refused to install one when they moved here in 2009. (Theirs is the only house without one.) Two vehicles were personal and two, federal cars. They parked their personal vehicles in front of my house 7 days a week and used their work vehicles exclusively, even for personal business as evidenced by the bags with groceries, etc. on days they clearly were not working. They refused to move their personal vehicles even when I expected a contractor. When they moved their personal vehicles, it was forward or back a foot. There is limited parking in my neighborhood because many residents have multiple vehicles, but they were the only ones with 4 cars and two drivers. Police were able to ticket their personal cars a couple of times. They refused to ticket the federal cars when my neighbors were away and the federal cars were then parked in front of my house longer than 72 hours.</p> <p>I do not want my name used because my neighbors retaliated to the tickets by stealing my garbage can (identifiable by distinctive markings; I saw it later on the street in front of their house on pickup day) and putting glass shards in my driveway every day for two years until some new officers who answered my complaint spoke more sternly than their experienced predecessors. He took my garbage can a few weeks ago, then claimed he didn't know it was mine, but I got it back. They now have three personal vehicles, all large, and continue to park in front of my house every day, but at least it's his federal vehicle so the space is free during the day for contractors. Because of the consistent problems with these neighbors, I agreed with the police not to speak to them (my idea; that's why I've called the police after my several unpleasant and unproductive attempts to resolve our problem. I suggested where they could park without inconveniencing anyone, but they have refused to walk two doors down to those spaces which that homeowner offered them on his corner.</p> <p>It seems one parking ordinance does not fit all needs. Parking challenges in various parts of town differ.</p> <p>I recommend that parking ordinances must apply to all vehicles, not just personal. People who leave town for a long time board pets; maybe they need to put their cars in a long-term lot. The 72 hour rule does give neighbors some leverage over abusers. It's a shame the law must be tailored to prevent abuses by some. My neighborhood never had a problem until these neighbors moved in.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The 72-hour rule definitely needs to be changed. People choose to live in Alexandria for its public transportation access and walkability. The fact that we would punish residents who take advantage of those amenities by commuting to work via Metro goes against Alexandria's</p>

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	<p>mission. I understand wanting to make sure that truly abandoned vehicles are not left on the street, however, the current rule is inconsistently enforced and causes a ridiculous scenario of residents having to set a reminder to move their car one block every few days. I was lucky when I lived in Old Town for 6 years that my neighbors were kind and did not call me on this rule. I frequently left my car in the same spot for over a week because I commuted to work via Metro and I could walk to the grocery store. My friend a few blocks away had a very different experience where neighbors made a hobby of calling in complaints about her car every 3 days. As long as a car is not truly abandoned, i.e. Car does not have up to date stickers, or has been sitting for weeks, I don't think we should have rules about how long residents cars are parked in their zone. We should encourage people to not use their cars - there is an environmental benefit for all of us!</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>We have a one-car driveway but two cars. I commute into the city 3 days a week by car. My husband takes public transport or rides his bike. Often our second car will go unmoved all week, and only used on the weekend for errands. It is often parked right in front of our home in a street space.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>My husband and I travel relatively often for extended periods of time and we take public transportation to the airport. Our cars are therefore on the street for 7-16 days at a time. As a homeowner, I don't have a driveway and rely on street parking. I believe that I already pay for the privilege with my property taxes. Further, as someone who used to park for 48 hours in Washington, DC and attempted to use the Rosa Exemption to legally park (without success, mind you) I find this rule to be an inefficient use of our law enforcement (including parking enforcement) and puts an unnecessary financial and emotional burden on our residents. Please do not uphold the 72 hour rule.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The city places so many restrictions on curb cuts and garages and makes the approval process incredibly difficult, pushing residents to keep their cars on the street. Then, the city punishes us for doing exactly what it suggested we do in the first place -- keep the cars on the street. The 72-hour rule punishes the business traveler or vacationing family, as well as individuals who opt to use public transportation and don't need to drive on a daily basis. Other municipalities are able to address abandoned cars without imposing such short-duration restrictions. Frankly the 72-hour rule is just a tool for neighbors to cause trouble for other neighbors and waste the time and resources of Alexandria PD.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>1) The public, City Council and city staff should be informed that the "72-hour" rule is a misnomer because the clock must start and stop on a weekday. A resident might notice a car has been parked for a period of time perhaps on the second full day. Then, if the police are called, they respond on a non-emergency basis and put a timed tag on the car. It is most likely that a weekend will occur before there are 3 consecutive days non-weekend/holiday days after a 72 hour notice has been placed on the car.</p> <p>2) First, it should be checked whether the vehicle that has been parked at length has City of Alexandria decals. If so, the police should put an Information Notice on the car w/the 72 hours so that a resident's vehicle isn't towed. To me, civility would require check checking w/neighbors as to any visiting friends from other areas. I have had a car towed from in front of my home that was out-of-state and was parked for 8 days. Even w/the long term parking, I asked the police not to tow and to put an informational notice on the car, but the police said it had to be towed.</p>

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	<p>3) The City should stop approving development without adequate parking because it pushes long term parkers into older City neighborhoods that already struggle w/o adequate parking.</p>
Name not available	<p>Needs to be better enforced. I hate to keep turning in my neighbor but his car sits for weeks unmoved but fear reprisals if I turn him in. I can't even park in front of my own house.</p>
Jo Ann Wendler	<p>Each resident in district 1 who is required to move a vehicle has obtained a parking sticker that allows parking in district 1. Are there enough parking spots for parking sticker holders? It appears that not having sufficient parking spots in the district creates a problem of not enough available slots. Residents who have to leave their current parking spot still have to find another spot and vehicle turnover does not guarantee an available place to park. It's like the musical chairs game with parking slots and does not solve the problem of availability spots.</p>
Name not available	<p>According to the police, the rule does not allow for discretion; i.e., if they receive a complaint, they have to enforce it. Even in cases where a car is registered, legal, and when looked up, find that it is in front of\near the resident owner. The police do not have the discretion to contact the owner and warn them. In my case, a nuisance neighbor constantly calls on neighbors to harass. The police come, give a notice, and the notice mysteriously is removed, the owner or other neighbors do not see the notice to warn the unsuspecting targeted car owner. Next time the police come, they impound it. Please stop this harassing behavior to allow the police and traffic enforcement some common sense discretion.</p>
Name not available	<p>There is no option but to park on the street for many residents of Alexandria, especially in the Old Town/Parker Gray area. To have a rule that says every one has to go out to their car and move it every 3 days is not resident-friendly, neither is it environmentally friendly. Alexandria prides itself on being pedestrian friendly and encourages residents to take public transport whenever possible, yet has a rule that is the exact opposite of these aims. Either one takes public transport or walks (I know about bikes but many of them are a hazard so I'm not including them for this purpose) and leaves the car at home, or one takes the car and adds to pollution - just to meet a 72-hour rule. Which do you want - clean air or pollution?</p> <p>When I moved to Alexandria I looked at many houses that had turned part of the backyard to a parking area but when I asked the City if I could do this I was told that putting down concrete in my yard would affect the FAR and, therefore, I was not allowed to park in my yard. Maybe you should also look at changing the FAR and allow people to concrete over part of their yard (if they so wish - that part is now my vegetable garden) for parking.</p>
Name not available	<p>I am a 67 year old person of not 100% of good health, I do not drive to work daily, I usually drive my vehicle on weekends to go for groceries or do my chores that is the reason my vehicle is parked in front of my residence mostly and is also easy access for an elderly person like me. Though the 72 hour rule is working fine but it hurts when a neighbor though having parking available in front of their residence park the vehicle in front of others and leave parked for weeks especially in a holiday season that hurts and causes inconvenience. Lately we experiencing army people though they have parking permits and the vehicles registered in Ohio or from other states leave their vehicles parked for longer period of time in front of other people residents. Can something be done about this matter. It will be highly appreciated. Thanks in advance. SS</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I live near Reagan Natl. airport & many non-resident park on E Reed & Evans lane then take taxis to airport</p> <p>The only recourse I have as a tax paying resident is to call to have the 72 hr rule enforced.</p> <p>Please do not change this rule. Residents should apply for extended parking when necessary</p>
<p>David Olinger</p>	<p>I'd take the position that parking in Old Town should be for residents & guests/visitors only.</p> <p>72 hours enforced only in complaint situations seems reasonable. "if it ain't broke why go out of the way to break it?"</p> <p>I live in Old Town where many people living in 18th & 19th Century homes, don't have parking options. I think that the City should stop reducing parking requirements for new developments in O.T. and shouldn't provide street parking stickers for people who move into them. I'd like a system where parking in O.T. is for residents & guests/visitors only. As a compromise, I can live with no 72 hour restriction or 72 hours enforced only in complaint situations. "If it ain't broke why go out of the way to break it?"</p> <p>72 hours enforced only in complaint situations seems reasonable. "if it ain't broke why go out of the way to break it?"</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>While I find the 72-hr limit is burdensome and unrealistic, I believe that vehicles parked on public streets still need to be legal (i.e. current: tags, city sticker, inspection, insurance) and driveable.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I think the biggest problem is daily parking for residents. Our on street parking was modified and parking restriction signs removed with an addition of a bump out. This has been very detrimental to the availability of parking for residents. It is now being used as commuter parking as we live across the street from a Metro Bus stop. We have reported approx 3 abandoned cars within approx a year. Also noticed people with work vehicles alternating leaving their personal vehicles and work vehicles on our street. I personally contacted a company advising them and asking that they make a request to their employees not to use our street as commuter parking.</p> <p>All streets should have parking restriction signs and, in my opinion, all residents living within the limits of the city should be required to purchase a parking sticker. I was told this is not a requirement, especially if someone has off street parking but we have a neighbor with one vehicle who has off street parking but insists on parking on the street even though they are aware that multiple homeowners have two vehicles. My household has two vehicles as my husband and I both work--my vehicles is parked in our off street parking spot but I have purchased a parking sticker since I moved here in 1995.</p> <p>New townhomes and apartment buildings are being built in Old Town every day bringing in many new residents when residential parking is at a minimum already. The city should come up with a solution that favors those living here in the city and not those who work/commute</p>

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	<p>here. But again my issue is with everyday parking. I think it is a very rare situation to find a resident parking their vehicle on the street for more than 3 days without it moving at least once. Today residents on my street are at work yet the parking spaces in front of our homes are all being used. Since early morning it has been full and it is now 2PM. If you remove the rule, the residents will be the ones who suffer.</p>
Name not available	<p>It is unfortunate if some residents are inconvenienced when others leave vehicles at the same location for more than 72 hours. However there are situations, even in our household, when residents are away for periods of time that extend beyond the statutory 72 hour limit. The ordinance is outdated and needs a re-write to accommodate those of us who travel. On the other hand, the ordinance should work in a way that residents won't be able to leave a vehicle for weeks on end without moving it.</p>
Name not shown	<p>Have you consulted with surrounding jurisdictions to see what their policies are? No need to reinvent the wheel here. I have never lived anywhere other than Old Town where I have to pay to park on a public street in front of my home. The idea that my vehicle could be impounded while I am away on vacation is alarming. This is clearly a "rule" that needs to be recinded. I'm glad to see city officials taking action.</p>
Sarah McElveen	<p>I have been a resident for almost 20 years and have a condo which does not have off-street parking. I have been cited at least once for an abandoned vehicle when my vehicle was parked for less than 24 hours, in my opinion simply because the neighbor did not like the "look" of my car in front of his house (I saw him watch me park), despite the fact that I had a residential permit. I have to ask someone to check on my car if I ever leave to go on vacation or for work for more than three days, which is unduly burdensome. I also have friends with multiple, permitted, vehicles, which have been towed based upon the 72 hour rule, and can see no reason why they should have to move each vehicle every three days and still potentially be ticketed because of the City's rule that you can't move to another parking spot on the same block. We pay for permits to park on the street, and should be allowed to use them.</p>
Mark Anderson	<p>The ordinance is not necessary. It has outlived its usefulness.</p>
Name not shown	<p>I am an Alexandria city resident and I travel 2-3 times per month for work. Often my trips are 4-5 days. I currently park my vehicle on the street and at minimum I would like to have an option to accommodate my vehicle while on business trips if this is not repealed.</p>
Name not available	<p>Make it 30 days.</p>
Amy Ford	<p>My husband and I used to live on E Luray and paid for zone permit parking. We went on a Christmas trip for 5 days and came home to a notice. Even though we were parked within a few town homes from our home. Very annoying. There would be nowhere else to have left our car. A year later we moved to Cameron mills rd and went to Boston for 4 days and came home to a notice. We were parked directly across the street from our house.</p> <p>Both times this happened it was because neighbors had called it in because they were trying to monopolize parking in front of their own houses- not because anyone really believed we had abandoned our vehicle.</p>

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	It's a waste of city resources. I'd like to see either a repeal or if that's not feasible, extend the timeframe to 7 days and then also make a super easy system where you can register your car will be parked for over 7 days and you can print it and stick it in the dash.
Name not available	It is burdensom on residents who take trips and do not have sufficient private parking. It forces residents to pay for parking at airports instead of using public transit, while they are still paying for a city parking pass.
Name not shown	If the concern is abandoned vehicles, adopt a measure specifically targeting that problem, rather than the current rule which sweeps in local residents who find it necessary to park their (active) vehicles on the streets.
Name not available	We have a neighbor with a car he nver uses but must have sentimental value. He leaves it in front of other people's houses for weeks at a time. The 72 hour enforcement warning is the only way he ever moves the car. The streets should not be used as someone's garage for old cars they never use.
Name not shown	I live in Old Town and do not have a driveway or garage. I must park on the street. As a retiree who travels a fair amount, the 72 hour rule is burdensome inconvenience. I see no reason why I shouldn't be able to leave my car on my street as long as I want. I pay for my city tags and my District 1 parking sticker. I shouldn't have to worry about a neighbor complaining about my legally parked car while I'm on vacation. It makes no sense at all. Please repeal this awful law.
Name not available	Although I now have off street parking available (since last May), that was not the case for many years. I frequently travel for work which usually requires me to be out of town for more than 72 hours. Complying with the 72 hour rule creates an undue and unnecessary burden on otherwise law abiding, tax-paying citizens of Alexandria. The rule should be repealed, or at the very least only enforced in situations where people are given 72 hours notice by signs that the parking area will not be available (i.e., temporary reserved parking for moving, construction, etc.).
Name not shown	As long as we have to pay to park on public streets we shouldn't have to move our vehicles every 72 hours. The rule is a valuable tool to deal with parking abusers. Many of us do not drive every day, sometimes only using the car weekly to get to grocery stores or medical appointments, etc. or not going out at all. A number of us are senior citizens. Many residents have handicap parking spaces in front of their homes. Most people on my block recognize one another's vehicles and do our best not leave our cars in front of their doors for days at a time. The problem arrives when a resident from another block makes no effort to park their car in front of their own home or on their own block when they know they're leaving town for 7-10 days or more and they leave their car front of your house. If you decide to increase the 72 hour limit please make sure you include Saturdays and Sundays. It's not necessary to include holidays since all parking restrictions have routinely been waived for them.

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Name not available	I don't park on the street. What bothers me is if a neighbor can park for over 72 hours they would park I front of my house for weeks at a time. This means that a visitor would not be able to park in front of my house. Get a special permit for vacation.
Name not shown	I support the 72-hour rule and would like to see a system whereby a resident who needs it can park for more than 72 hours upon showing proof of need.
Name not available	Leave the rule alone. Parking is hard for residents. Do not allow OldTown to become a parking lot. Residents have to learn to work with the rule as it ultimately protects them. At a minimum keep the parking rule in place, so it can be enforced easily when needed. Do not create a "system" for residents that becomes an additional item we will get taxed for, nor spend more money on street sweeping. Spend money on police, not parking ideas. Thank you. NOTE: Question 3 is answered under duress for the "answers" one can pick are not thorough. Neighbors can work together and the proposed answers do not suggest such. As such, I answered only so this electronic survey can be submitted, and my answer to Question 3 is Not Applicable for any survey purposes and must not be tabulated.
Gregory Baker	I like to commute so my car can remains parked for five to six days before it is moved. I also travel on businesses and vacation for 7 to 10 day periods. 72 hours on street parking in residential areas is completely unreasonable.
Kevin DeLange	We only have space for one car in our driveway and my husband parks in the street. He takes Metro to and from work, rarely driving - so he's almost constantly staying in the same place for more than 72 hours. He has never been cited under this rule, but it since it is selectively enforced it seems to me that this could be something that caused a problem for us in the future when all my husband is doing is parking in front of his own house.
Name not available	My husband works from home, so we frequently have one of our vehicles parked on the street for more than 72 hours. This was never a problem until our crazy neighbor starting calling the parking police about any vehicle parked for more than 72 hours on our street. She has only one car, which she parks in her two-car driveway, so she never has a problem finding parking. The parking police told us to simply move our car one inch every 72 hours to comply with the rule. I understand the need to prevent inoperable vehicles from being abandoned on the streets, but limiting residents to parking their vehicles in front of their own homes for no more than 72 hours is unnecessary and allows spiteful neighbors to harass others. Also, repealing the ordinance would allow Alexandria to focus its resources on criminal activity and parking offenses worth addressing, such as abandoned, inoperable vehicles and vehicles blocking driveways.
Name not shown	This rule is stupid.It is used for neighbor grudges. if you have a parking sticker, you should be able to park for as long as necessary.Most people are creatures of habit & park in the same spot day after day even if they move their car each day. If you have a current parking sticker, you have not abandoned your car. some folks use public transit but still have a car.This should not be discouraged.If there are no plates or no sticker, then you have an issue. People who own homes and pay taxes should not be penalized for taking vacations or going on business trips or using public transit.The rule does nothing to free up parking spaces.It should be abolished.
Name not shown	Enforcing this rule would absolutely cause me frustration. On days that I work from home - which are often Mon, Thurs and Fridays (and don't work Saturdays/Sundays), I never move my car. I walk and ride my bike everywhere for those five days. Why would the city want to discourage that? Part of the reason I bike even in cold weather is because I don't want to lose my parking spot. I prefer to park directly in

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	<p>front of my house. I've lived in Old Town for a year now, and so far one neighbor has been car jacked and two others have warned me of car break-ins. Of course we want to be able to leave our cars out front where we can monitor them! I have an empty lot connected to my home and have pled with the City to allow a curb cut, and I understand it has its reasons for denying it. However, now there's no allowance for me to build a drive way AND you want to make it more difficult to park? Seems really unfair and it's making life in Old Town more of a burden than it needs to be. Plus, don't we have permits on our cars for a reason? We pay for those permits and thus we pay to park on the street. How about eliminating abandoned cars by towing cars that are parked for more than 72 hrs and don't have valid parking permits? That seems like a logical solution.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>If considered, an online system for registering a vehicle to park over 72 hours to accommodate vacations and business trips should also allow residents to repeatedly leave the vehicle for consecutive multiple 72 hour periods (i.e., frequent work travel, or use public transportation, walk, or bike to work). During the spring, summer, and fall, I bike to work and walk to local stores, resulting in my vehicle parked for longer periods of time. It would be an inconvenience to track how many days itâ€™s been since I last moved my car.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>While the code is not perfect, it does give residents a recourse in neighborhoods where non-residents often take up parking spots for long periods of time. The police generally wait until a resident complains before initiating the enforcement process. I live on South Jordan St and we have had a constant [for 20+ years] problem with folks from 4600 Duke parking in our neighborhood - sometimes for weeks at a time without moving their car(s). There is no way to contact them to ask them to move their car; the building is close enough to S. Jordan that it may actually qualify for the suggested qualification of "living within a block of where it is parked." The folks living on Holmes Run Parkway have the same problem with cars from 4600 Duke. Other streets in the neighborhood, e.g., S. Ingram and S Gordon have similar issues with folks from the apartment complex across Duke St. An argument stated that the rule may cause conflicts between neighbors. However, if a neighbor is sick, or out of town, usually others will know and not call to complain. If itâ€™s the case of a neighbor having 5 cars taking their neighborsâ€™ spaces, thatâ€™s an issue that a code is never going to fix. As for shifting resources from other areas, I assume this is a job for parking enforcement rather than the "regular" officers. If not, maybe it should be. Given that the parking in this neighborhood is already a nightmare, and will soon be burdened with a new Aldi, and a new restaurant at the top of the street, please donâ€™t remove this one small piece of control we do have. Thank you.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I take mass transit to work so my car remains parked in front of my house from Sunday night through Saturday. My car is legally registered and all of my taxes are paid on time. This regulation penalizes residents without driveways or alley parking.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>As long as we're still able to report 'abandoned' vehicles and have them removed, extending the 72 hour rule to about 1 week would be OK w/ me.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>If a homeowner truly thinks a car is abandoned rather than just wanting off street parking right in front of their house they can call the police who can run the tags and send the owner a letter asking them to please contact the police in the next 30 days or be subject to a possible ticket.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I have seen this ordinance abused on my block by neighbors obsessing over "their" spot, which in my view if you want a particular spot buy a house with a private driveway! My Dad who had out of state plates was parked for just 48 hours during one visit and a neighbor complained and my Dad got a warning letter. Also, my husband and I travel overseas for multiple weeks and literally have to leave a spare key with a neighbor in case we get cited. Alexandria needs to have a more flexible, friendly street parking policy.</p>

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	<p>Thoughts/Concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep the 72-hour rule for non-resident vehicles. 2. Provide a way, possibly an automated call-in for a resident to notify the city that they are out of town longer than 72-hours or THAT THEY HAVE A VISITOR. (No charge to resident.) 3. Notify residents periodically of the 72-hour rule existence and a way to extend it, perhaps through already existing neighborhood "door-stuffer" papers. 4. A resident notifying the city is like stopping the mail before leaving town. 5. I DO NOT support street sweeping signage. Pain in the ass. Also, creates parking jams on opposite sides of the street when cars are moved for sweeping. You're effectively cutting parking in half when you restrict parking to only one side of the street. It also forces residents to find parking in adjoining neighborhoods, creating parking problems for those residents. I've seen this in New York City. Might be good for the city. Horrible for the residents. 6. In my neighborhood (Strawberry Hill), I don't support nor see a need for parking permits for residents. I already pay for an Alexandria sticker every year. Is that not good enough? Why complicate it at added expense?
Albert Smith	Thank you.
Name not shown	<p>The city council need to balance the issue of removing abandoned cars with allowing people who don't drive on a daily basis to leave their cars for a reasonable amount of time. Alexandria has great public transit access which is part of what drives up property values. If I leave my car and take metro to work and pick up groceries on my way home for 5 days I'm technically in violation of this ordinance. Rarely do people go on vacation for less than 3 days so what are tax paying property owners expected to do?</p> <p>Right now if I see a car parked for three days and I call parking enforcement they'll put a notice on it and put a citation on it three days later. Since the citation three days doesn't include weekends or holidays rarely have I seen a car with a notice that hasn't been there for 10 days or more. (Realistically, I wouldn't call on a vehicle unless it was left for two weeks or more, but for the sake of argument let's discuss the minimum amount of time). The law needs to be modified so it can be enforced to accurately reflect the law. If the law is three days it shouldn't take 10 days to get a citation. But as a property owner who pays a premium to live near public transit I shouldn't need to be paranoid that I'll get a ticket for leaving my car in front of my house when I go to work for the week. I've never seen a car towed even if it has a flat tire. I'm worried about getting a ticket for taking the metro to work and the guy who abandoned his car for a month is likely going to get the same citation if parking enforcement happens to check out the neighborhood.</p>

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Name not shown	The rule should be 48 hours without a permit sticker and 10 days with a permit sticker.
David Babich	We live next to a large apartment complex that charges for parking and a permit is needed to park there. I've seen numerous residents from the apartment park on our street and then walk over to their apartment to avoid paying the fee. I know if the 72 hour rule is repealed it will make parking near my house very difficult with an influx of apartment residents using our street as long-term parking. Parking near my house will become almost impossible when I arrive home in the evening with my infant and additional gear to unload from my car.
Name not shown	Parking is at a premium but for those without a driveway, 72 hours is very limiting. Getting a city pass every time you are out of town, especially for people who travel a lot, would be a nuisance.
Name not shown	Thanks for visiting this matter which has created ill-will amongst neighbors especially those close to down town. Clearly, many home owners park in front of their home and it's well accepted amongst the neighbors, no problem if they own a single car. The problem arises when they own two or more cars, I know a household that owns four cars! It might be a good idea to permit a single household the exception for two cars, the rest would be under the 72-hour rule? I support repealing the ordinance for a complete different reason, many people don't use the car to go to work or shopping. Many people travel all the time for many days, which is required as military, government, and government contractors employees. Also, the access to public transportation is so available and easy, thus cars are used sparingly. In addition, the access to parkway trail makes it attractive to use bicycles to and fro to work in DC. By permitting people to park without worrying about moving the car every 72 hours, actually this will help to cut down emission, gas consumption, and help the environment. It's better for our city and community. We have to encourage using public transportation, by letting the people leave their cars at where they live without the worries of being ticketed.
Name not shown	For neighborhoods where parking is more of an issues, there may be a need for additional restrictions, but in our area, this is more of a nuisance and a way for neighbors to be uncivil and anonymous rather than interacting directly with each other.
Name not available	Create system where residents can ELECTRONICALLY register vehicle to park over 72 hours. In this way, no visible tag on car will encourage vehicular theft. We like the idea of registering and obtaining permission to extend parking hours to accommodate vacations, etc, but are concerned that a visible sticker or tag to that purpose will promote theft and signal empty homes. This registration process could be done electronically and through apps that are tied to the existing standard zone registration.
Name not available	Some form of incentive to avoid long-term parkers and "extra" vehicles is necessary, but the current system is a real pain for people like myself and my wife who travel for more than 2-3 weeks at a time on a regular basis.
Name not available	Due to limited off-street parking, it seems that the 72 HOUR Rule should NOT be applied to WE, the true residents of Alexandria, who dutifully pay both VA personal property tax and Alexandria parking/decal fees for our vehicles--easy to check/just look at window stickers. Better to apply the 72 HOUR Rule ONLY to those vehicles from out-of-state, other/non-Alexandria jurisdictions, and or with expired tags/abandoned--who do NOT pay for Alexandria public parking and/or only work or visit here. Yes--we all get the turnover/parking space notion (especially in Old Town/restaurants/bars, etc.) behind the rule, but Alexandria residents should not share this burden equally with non-residents --that is SIMPLY NOT FAIR. Thank you.
Name not shown	If a car is covered with dust or has been sitting so long that one or more tires have gone flat, look into it. If it's genuinely abandoned, tow it. But when making contact with the owner to find out if it's abandoned explain that leaving a car parked on the street for very long periods of

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	time can lead onlookers to believe that it's abandoned which in turn makes it an attractive target for theft or vandalism. Then they'll do something about it or, at the very least, provide an explanation as to why they've left it parked for so long. Maybe the reason will be a good one. In any case, harassing a taxpayer for using tax-supported streets in a manner that doesn't hurt anybody else is a dubious use of the city's authority.
Erick Chiang	I have provided comments to Yon Lambert and staff starting in January 2015. Those should be available. I also have a copy of my argument to the traffic court that provided the rationale for vacating the citation. The editorial in the Alexandria Times (or Gazette) dated August 6, 2015 accurately reflects my views. The exception is that any revision should not include a decal on the vehicle. That becomes an invitation to vandals.
Karen Korol	It has been a source of anxiety when I am out of town for business or vacation.
Name not shown	It has caused me to incur expensive parking lot fees during periods of extended absences. Last year I was away for over 4 months in aggregate. For someone who pays substantial annual real estate taxes having to pay thousands of dollars in garage fees is particularly galling. While I strongly support full repeal, if permits are issued for periods of extended periods due to vacation, need to attend sick relatives, etc., they should only be issued for registered vehicles of tax paying home owners - not renters or tenants. If the intent of the ordinance is to identify abandoned vehicles, a displayed permit would rectify the problem
Name not available	I strongly object to this being repealed. If people would police themselves then perhaps I would welcome some amendments, unfortunately rudeness and monopolization of the spaces is the norm. People that have more than 2 cars do not feel the need to move their vehicles and given the work from home situation literally weeks go by without any movement. The front of my house has become long term parking. One of their vehicles only moves about 1 time a year and when it does move they park another car in it's space thereby maneuvering the space. It has been 4 yrs since anyone other than them has been able to use one of their spaces. Residential street parking is for everyone and we do not have assigned spaces on Cameron Mills. I am never able to have company or any worker park in front of my house because of the rude selfish behavior of others. This rule should not be repealed it should be enforced and people should be ticketed. I am sure the people that object to this rule are the ones violating it!
Name not shown	This is really a terrible rule. It is both environmental and resident unfriendly for those of us who must park on the street. We pay for zoned parking permits--let us park in peace. On our block, we are lucky in that people pretty much park in spots directly in front of their houses. One negative aspect of this is that if your car is gone, someone could easily figure out that you are away. Consequently, if we are not driving, we like to park in front of our house while we are away. The 72 hour rule means we are breaking the law if we do so. On occasion we have even taken our cars to a friend's house in Fairfax county while we were on vacation. This is nuts. The rule also encourages unnecessary cold starts which is not environmentally friendly.
Name not shown	If the concern is over abandoned vehicles, what recourse do residents have if the 72-hour rule were repealed?
Name not available	For residents simply choosing to travel by foot or bicycle, thus leaving their car parked on the road for an extended period of time, should not be punished.
Name not available	When the Alexandria Police Department receives complaints about violations, an officer is dispatched to respond to the situation. THE OFFICER IS THEN REQUIRED TO PLACE A NOTICE ON THE VEHICLE. An officer returns three days later to check on the vehicle's status. If the

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	vehicle has moved, no action is taken. If the vehicle has not been moved, the officer issues a citation and--when warranted--places notification on the car indicating that the vehicle will be impounded if it is not removed
Anthony Smith	There should be some common sense applied when issuing citations. For instance, if other parking is available around the vehicle, it should not receive a citation as it is not preventing someone from obtaining parking. Also, if the offending vehicle's registered owner lives near the place where the car is parked, a citation should not be issued except in cases where the car is obviously being parked long-term (i.e., stored on the street.)
George Gilchrist	For those of us who live near the Braddock Road Metro, repeal of this rule would encourage long-term parking on our crowded residential streets. My neighbors who lack garages or driveways are already often struggling to find parking near their homes. Repeal of this statute would make this worse.
Matthew Blake	<p>Please do not alter the 72 hour rule. As a resident of a street that is adjacent to a Metro station, I rely on the 72 hour rule to prohibit long term parking by non residents.</p> <p>Many savvy travelers have learned that they may avoid paid parking at National Airport by parking on our block, walking the 6 minutes to Braddock Rd Metro, and taking the one stop ride to National. This may be convenient and cost saving for them, but it leaves us residents with less parking than possible on an already crowded block. All of us on this block have seen dozens of no residents abusing our street in this fashion and have called APD probably hundreds of times over the years. I have personally seen vehicles with out of state tags sit unmoved for a week or more.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
Name not shown	<p>1) We got a citation once during a week long vacation. We had nowhere else to park our car. I would be happy to get a pass to park longer.</p> <p>2) Enforcement today is random. There's a car on our street all the time and we all know who it belongs to so no one calls it in. The town should monitor this if we really care about the rule versus pitting neighbors against one another.</p>
Timothy Conway	We pay exorbitant taxes to live here. We should not have to put up with this irritating parking rule. This is an area with a very mobile population, an area with many residents travelling for the purposes of work or pleasure. How annoying it is, to have to ask my neighbor move my car, or to have to worry because I've left town for four days. Scrap this annoying parking regulation.
Name not shown	<p>It is used by vindictive neighbors, or neighbors who deem themselves more entitled to a particular spot on the street. If its purpose is to prevent abandoned vehicles (desirable goal), it is too restrictive a means of doing so.</p> <p>When I was ticketed, there was absolutely no evidence that the police determined that my car had been in the spot for 72 hours, even. Neighbor reported that it had been there that long, and the police left a ticket. At the very least, there really needs to be verification -- by the police, not reliance on a neighbor's word -- that the parking time has exceeded the amount allowed by ordinance. In my experience, there was absolutely no such evidence. (I called, asked about when report came in).</p>
Name not shown	I would not report a neighbor for violating the rule; they pay taxes just as I do. However, my problem is that - for whatever reason - our street seems to be a visitors' extended parking lot, with people leaving cars parked for up to a week directly opposite my driveway - cars that not only do not have a city sticker, but in many cases, don't even have Virginia plates. They're not always the same cars, and they don't

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	appear to be visiting anyone in the area. If we repeal the ordinance or extend the time, I would expect this to get worse. I could happily support extending the time for cars with valid Alexandria stickers, and I could accept amending the ordinance so that it only applies to cars without city stickers. I just don't want us providing long-term convenience parking for non-Alexandrians. Out of towners could register for an extended parking permit.
Name not shown	This will be an important rule to Del Ray/Potomac Yard when the metro station is open because people will be tempted to park in the neighborhoods and take metro to the airport rather than pay for airport parking. For residents in those neighborhoods who rely on street parking, having this rule will help stop that practice. This is also a helpful rule for people to be able to report cars that appear abandoned. Most of us know our neighbors and the cars regularly on the street. If a car is parked for more than three days and is unfamiliar this gives the police a mechanism for responding to a call and checking out the car. Without this rule, I doubt they would respond.
Name not shown	Residents should be able to park their vehicles on the street for as long as they need to. If they have purchased a residential parking sticker, they should be allowed to park their vehicle and leave it without worries of being ticketed. I live on the 100 block of Queen St and it is not the residents that take up majority of the parking spaces--it is commuters and folks going to the restaurants and shops. When properly patrolled by the City, these spaces turn over very regularly. So the 72 hour rule is not the problem with ensuring vehicle turnover--it is the enforcing of the city 2 and 3 hour parking restrictions on NON-residential vehicles.
Name not available	A system where residents registered cars online for trips would be okay, but requiring residents to put something in the car window when they are out of town for more than 72 hours would encourage theft of vehicles and homes of vehicle owners.
Name not available	Reduce urban sprawl, build tall . More green , build tall and lean .
Teresa Tidwell	I believe that if you pay City Taxes and have a sticker on your car, you should be able to park on the street. The 72-hour rule could be modified to apply only to cars from other than Alexandria City. There are some who park in a neighborhood and then head to the train or airport. This is more of a nuisance than residents parking where they live.
Ann Shack	Many people have two cars and zero to one parking spot off street. Especially here in Old Town where the City is allowing new development and then allowing the parking to be reduced, this is issue will become even bigger. Parking garages are not close to where everyone lives, and they don't have long term parking prices. It's time for the City to recognize that people have to drive for many reasons and that means parking the car when they are home, on vacation, sick, at the hospital, taking care of another, etc. 72 hours is not realistic any more. Please eliminate this rule. Thank you.
Name not available	Also, I was in a situation in which I couldn't regularly drive the street parked car because it did not have children's car seats. This rule is really unfair for those who may not regularly be able to drive a vehicle because of safety reasons--no car seats, not equipped for a person with disabilities, etc.
Name not shown	I had no idea this rule existed until I returned from a two-week trip to Germany last Spring/Summer. I had an old, weathered ticket on my vehicle and could barely read the fine. There was no sign on East Custis Avenue, where I live, that you could only park 72 hours. How was I supposed to know? Also, other residents park for longer than 72hrs and never get a ticket. Additionally, I have complained to the city numerous times about a resident/business owner who takes advantage of this rule. They own a maid service. Each day, Mon-Fri, their employees take residential parking and claim the exact same parking spot. They move their "employee vehicle" with maid logos on it from a

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	residential spot and quickly move one of their employee's personal cars in the spot. When they return, they replace the personal vehicle with the maid service vehicle. They have done this for 3 years! For three years they have had the exact same spot and never relinquish it! I have complained to the city and called parking enforcement. They all said there is nothing they can do. Its ridiculous. They are abusing the 72 hour rule with a "loophole" fix. Worst of all, most of the cars parked on our street are not residents, they are maids working for this employer or customers shopping on the avenue. Something needs to be done about this!
Name not shown	I only need to drive twice a week or so. Parking isn't an issue in our neighborhood. I can see this being an issue depending on which neighborhood you live in. I have to say I am really tired of cops marking my rims with paint dots to see if I have moved. No tickets- just constant dots.
Name not shown	1. How many abandoned cars does the city remove in a year? I'll bet fewer than 40 in a year, making the 3 day limit a red herring issue. 2.Residents pay for a parking sticker by zone, shouldn't they be allowed to park in their zone indefinitely? They paid for it already. 3. Old Town Parking is very limited already, and with increased density caused by new buildings with not enough parking allocated to those new buildings parking will only become more difficult to find.Force visitors to pay to park, and build new city financed parking. The city has several vacant properties available to do this.
Name not shown	I don't want public resources (money and staff time) spent on trying to enforce an unworkable ordinance.
Name not available	I think a week limit for parking seems more appropriate.
Name not shown	Although I have a garage and drive way to park my vehicle, I strongly object to people who have so many cars that they need to use street parking to switch out their cars that they can not accommodate in their own garage and/or drive way. This takes away from legitimate parking for others. I see this happening on N. Hampton and have not reported it previously but I will start taking notes this infraction and calling it in.
Name not shown	Not all residents have zone parking. Maybe more neighborhoods would benefit from zone stickers at no additional charge. We already pay a lot to live in Alexandria and for city services.
Name not shown	A 72-hr rule should NOT apply to noncommercial areas.
Name not available	One car household with street only parking. Live in a section of Parkfairfax with heavy parking demand. Parking time limitations encourage turnover, providing residents with a chance to park closer to their home. I have reported a car to APD (3 times in 2 decades), but only after the car has not moved for 2+weeks.
Name not shown	I recently purchased a home in a neighborhood with limited street parking. I have 4 cars. 2 of which are on the street in front of my house and 2 are in my driveway. I received a notice that one of my vehicles had not moved in 72 hours. While we do move and use our cars, depending on family functions; its just not realistic some weeks to move all the cars. I was surprised to see a notice on my car since my street is a dead end....whether it was a neighbor who reported our car or not is unknown to us--and not appreciated. We've had cars

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	<p>parked in front of our house which haven't been moved, street parking is first come first serve, thus, the car in front of our home was never reported. Now that our cars are in front of our property we have received notice of the 72 hour rule. It makes me wonder if its a complaint as a result of our spots no longer available to whomever reported us; or if indeed someone assumed the car was abandoned--which it was not. For reference, our home was previously vacant for an extended amount of time; allowing for additional spots to be available to our neighborhood.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Consider distinguishing between vehicles with and without Alexandria city decals.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>We travel quite a bit as well and this becomes very troublesome to not be able to leave our vehicle in place while away.</p>
<p>Abbie Eastman</p>	<p>Residents need parking, especially as you continue to take parking in place of bike lanes</p>
<p>Scott Yochum</p>	<p>I believe many areas of the City are different enough to not make a blanket change. Potomac Yard has mixed housing: townhome, condos, apartments. I have directly observed and documented people storing their vehicles for weeks and months on streets in front of homes that the vehicle owner does not live. Case in point, a motorcycle sat under storage cover in front our new home for 3 months (it's now stored down the road closer to Giant). My area has apartment buildings with garages, but numerous residents use the spaces in front of our town home as their permanent long term parking spot. An educated guess tells me they just don't want to pay for parking in their apartments garage. It's not fair to new residents where the front parking spaces are always filled. What about our guests who would like to park in front of our townhome? In addition, home owners residing in Potomac Yard pay extra real estate tax to partially fund the new metro stop. Once this stop opens, several neighbors have expressed concern that our roads will become parking lots. Completely repealing this rule is not the answer. There needs to be a balanced approach, as there will always be people who take advantage of the system.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>When a vehicle has a tarp or cover on it this is a huge eyesore. Vehicles should be moved regularly and the street should not be for storage of "antique" cars. Certainly there can be exceptions with vacations out of town with proper notice.</p>

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Name not available	I'm retired and don't go out every day. And I always stay home when it's icy out. We have a driveway for only one car, but three adults live here, and we each need our cars. Some of our neighbors have more people living there, and each needs a car, but they, too, have a driveway for only one car. 72 hours sounds like a lot if you drive every day, but otherwise it's very limiting. People usually recognize a neighbor's car and wouldn't complain unless they were being nasty.
Name not shown	I really think #7 is the best option. A couple of ideas: (1) I think if a resident notices an abandoned car, they should call the city. The city needs some ordinance for abandoned cars. (2)I think that allowing us who live here to register our cars when we leave on business or vacation should satisfy the needs of people living in Old Town. (3) I think the rule could be kept and enforced but typically only if a neighbor or resident complains.
Name not available	While the 72-hour rule has it's upside, It also has negative aspects, some of which are: The ability of vehicle owners to monitor their property with ease, due to being able to keep it within the visual proximity of the residence, thereby creating a deterrent to those who like to use others property as a bench or as the target of vandals. Both of which many have experienced. There are other reasons as well, such as those who don't meet the requirements to obtain handicapped status, but may suffer from a lesser physical infirmity that the convenience of proximity parking would benefit and NOT further aggravate the subject condition.
Name not shown	Do something simple and efficient to increase flexibility for residents, but please don't create more bureaucratic red tape.
Name not shown	The 72-hour rule is frustrating as a resident who commutes via metro and often travels. I completely agree with a system in which I can print a pass to indicate I cannot move my vehicle (due to travel). I also feel that residents parking within their zones should not have to move their vehicles regularly and that the 72-hour rule should apply to those parking outside their zone or those parking without a permit (and simply moving the car up a space on the block repeatedly).
Name not shown	Require parking permits for street parking by zones in other areas of the City (like what Old Town has implemented). This will help get the non-residents and non-visitors off the streets - those from other jurisdictions who ditch their vehicles on our streets because they can. Implement an online system to register vehicles to accommodate longer stays and visitors.
Name not shown	Alexandria residents are sick and tired of the City Council permitting developers to create condos, HOAs, apartment buildings and new business while waiving parking requirements imposed by the City zoning laws. The result is creating more need for residents to park their cars on the street rather than in parking lots where they live or conduct commerce. Then, you want to divert your resources to not enforcing the 72 hour rule? That is not in the best interests of City residents who pay taxes for these services.
Name not shown	72 hours is not long enough to consider a vehicle abandoned. Most long weekend trips are longer than that.

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	<p>If the 72-hour rule is kept, or extended in length, vehicles should get a warning ticket first because most people do not know of the rule.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>It is UNFAIR for those with off-street parking and multiple vehicles to "have their cake and eat it too."</p>
	<p>The 72 hour rule is crucial in my neighborhood for those of us who do not live in the condos that grew up surrounding my original neighborhood (leaving the original homes with too little parking.)</p> <p>1.) many who live in the condos who have a parking spot on condo property for themselves, encourage their friends to park and leave their cars on our street when they all go away together on vacation.</p> <p>2.)since we are close to the metro and the airport, we frequently have people park in my neighborhood who do not live even in Alexandria, get their suitcases out of their car, walk them to the metro and use us for parking instead of paying for parking at National.</p> <p>3.) the condos that were built up around us were built with too little parking in some cases fewer than 2 spots per household almost all have 2 or more cars - creating a high density space with insufficient parking.</p> <p>*** I think that the 72 hour rule should be regularly and strictly applied to those who do not live directly in this neighborhood especially when they have out of state plates and no Alexandria parking sticker. **** I feel very strongly about this. I live here and should be able to find a parking space when i get home - not be crowded out by people who do not live here.</p> <p>This is not being done and should be. The people who clearly live here should be allowed to park more than 72 hours - their vehicles should be registered and clearly marked (like the zone system). The people in the neighborhood with condo parking - should not be allowed to place as many cars on the street depriving those of us who have NO other options of any parking at all.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Please keep the 72 hour parking rule - it is crucial - It needs a little refinement so that people who live here can park more than 72 hours <u>and</u> then it should be regularly enforced without having to "call" parking enforcement.</p>

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Name not available	A combination of a slight increase to the current rule and creating the registration system for residents makes the most sense.
Joshua Rabon	<p>Thank you for soliciting comments on Alexandria City Code Â§ 10-4-8 (the "72-hour rule"). Because the burdens of enforcement substantially outweigh the benefits (if any) of the rule (as discussed more thoroughly below), I believe the rule should be repealed entirely. In the alternative, the ordinance should be amended to provide an exception for a vehicle parked within 150 yards of the owner's residence or business address provided to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.</p> <p>1) The Ordinance Should be Repealed</p> <p>The ordinance should be repealed entirely because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Its underlying purpose is more appropriately addressed by existing statutes * It diverts limited police resources from more pressing issues * It is so vague to make compliance and enforcement difficult * It unduly burdens residents that travel or use environmentally friendly options to commute during the week (for example, a bicycle or public transportation) <p>a. The underlying purpose is more appropriately addressed by existing statutes</p> <p>The stated purpose of the 72-hour rule is to promote parking turnover and alleviate parking difficulties for residents. A secondary purpose is to assist in the removal of abandoned or junk vehicles from the streets of Alexandria. While these purposes are important, existing statutes amply protect the City's interests.</p>

First, congested parking is much more easily alleviated through the use of permit parking districts provided for in Alexandria City Code section 5-8-71, et seq. That set of laws provides a comprehensive plan to control parking in crowded areas of the city, rendering the 72-hour rule superfluous. Additional protections provide residents improved access to parking, such as the rule limiting the placement of commercial vehicles on residential streets (section 10-4-6).

As for the abandoned vehicle purpose, section 10-4-38 requires all parked vehicles to display the stickers indicating the vehicle meets the state inspection and registration requirements. This provision works in conjunction with the state inspection requirements to keep junk cars from sitting on the street indefinitely. Furthermore, section 5-8-22 explicitly provides for the removal of abandoned vehicles.

b. The police have better things to do than enforce the 72-hour rule

This needs little explanation. The hardworking, understaffed police of Alexandria do not need to expend valuable resources enforcing a provision that serves little purpose, and often is simply a dispute between contentious neighbors.

Furthermore, what if the car has moved during the 72-hour period unbeknownst to the reporting citizen and responding officer? Would the owner be able to challenge the citation by providing, for example, a GPS log from a popular app such as Google Maps as evidence that the car in fact was not parked for 72 hours in the same place? Or perhaps a receipt from a restaurant and a sworn statement from an unrelated third party that the owner came to the restaurant on a day in the 72-hour window? Such a proceeding would be a tremendous waste of resources.

c. The ordinance is vague

The 72-hour rule provides: "Unless otherwise controlled by an official sign, the parking of any vehicle in the same place on the streets of the city for more than 72 hours is prohibited; provided that this provision shall not apply to the parking of a vehicle in the same place on the streets of the city on Saturday, Sunday and holidays."

It is unclear what this even means. If I roll my car forward six inches, is it in the same place? What about if I go to the grocery store, and the space (and perhaps many others) are still available when I return and I park there? What if I just drive around the block and return to the same spot?

Presumably the prohibition applies to parking for 72 continuous hours, but the ordinance provides no guidance on this point. Perhaps the ordinance means 72 hours without a "meaningful absence" (whatever that might be) -- or maybe 72 hours within a week? It is unfair to expect residents to comply with such a vague rule, let alone require the police to enforce it.

	<p>d. The ordinance unduly burdens residents</p> <p>Given the limited value the rule provides (if any value at all), it seems borderline bizarre that someone traveling for a week would need someone to come move their car a mere few feet down the street on Wednesday. Furthermore, the entire region benefits both environmentally and in terms of traffic congestion by commuters that use public transportation or alternative means of travel (like bicycles). Many such commuters may not drive, or drive infrequently, during the work week. Why should those commuters be subject to fines in order to create turnover for commuters who drive?</p> <p>2) Alternative</p> <p>Only as an alternative to complete repeal, the 72-hour rule should be amended to (i) clarify that the prohibition applies to continuous parking; (ii) extend the time to 120 hours (one work week); (iii) clarify that "place" means the entire space occupied by the vehicle from front to rear bumper; and (iv) provide an exception from the rule for a vehicle parked within 150 yards of the registered address.</p> <p>The first three clarifications provide much needed specificity regarding the application of the rule. The exception would permit a resident to park in front of their own home indefinitely. Surely a resident and taxpayer in the City of Alexandria should have the ability to park their car in front of their own residence and leave town for two weeks. The 150 yard cushion provides relief in case someone else parks in front of the resident's home. The 150 yards is simply a suggestion -- the optimum buffer could be determined through additional study.</p> <p>3) Conclusion</p> <p>I sincerely appreciate the City reconsidering various ordinances and their impact on residents. The opportunity to comment is also appreciated, and if it would be helpful to clarify or provide additional detail concerning any of my comments, I would be happy to do so.</p> <p>Best Regards, Joshua Rabon</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The 72 hour rule (if enforced) causes neighborhood friction. In the Old Town area where parking is becoming more and more limited due to Capitol bike share installations at numerous locations, residents find fewer possible parking spaces. I think residents who pay taxes in the City should retain parking in front of or nearby their homes.</p> <p>While I don't object to the continuing biking installations, they do remove possibilities for parking. Since bikers are generally young, it's</p>

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	important to treat other population segments equally and fairly. Regardless of age, residents, whether driving or biking should find adequate parking close to their homes.
Madeline Manaker	For residents that don't need to drive often, the rule can be a burden. I think adding street-cleaning would be more burdensome for certain residents. I believe the option of registering a vehicle (since most residents I have heard from) leave a vehicle due to extended travel is the most reasonable response to the issue. It enables residents to leave their cars worry-free while traveling, since most residents don't have private driveways, but also gives the city the ability to enforce parking restrictions if a neighbor complains about an unmoved car.
Name not shown	As city tax paying home owners, we should be allowed to park in front of our homes with out any ordinance concerns. The issue is rooming houses not complying with the city ordinance and how it relates to having enough available parking. See section 8-200 General Parking Regulations and Sec. 7-1900 B-2 - Roominghouses.
Ray Venero	The biggest issue in our neighborhood is dinner patrons parking in "free spaces" despite metered parking a block away and a public parking lot about the distance. This results in residents having difficulty in finding spaces when we come home from work. Also there is little enforcement for non-permitted vehicles which park for several days with impunity.
Name not shown	I think street sweeping on a regular basis would both clean up debris (and make Alexandria nicer), allow residents without parking to park their cars on the street, while requiring a bit of car moment on street cleaning days. Sort of a give and take of the present system. Perhaps there is another way to identify what is actually an abandoned vehicle, so that specific steps can be taken to deal with the handful of cars that are really abandoned (as opposed to neighbor disagreements which waste municipal personal resources).
Name not available	I have lived here for two years and was unaware of the 72 hour rule. I only street park, so when I am away on vacation or for work, I leave my vehicle on the street. I've received tickets for other offenses while parked for more than 72 hours, but never for the offense of parking in the same place for over 72 hours. I would definitely prefer a system that would allow me to register my vehicle if I am going to be out of the area for 72+ hours.
Name not shown	There are many instances when residents can only park on city streets and need to park more than 72 hours. Work trips, vacations, illness, childbirth. Ex: I sprained my ankle and couldn't drive nor move my car for over a week. Sure, I could have asked my neighbor to move my car from one spot to another but moving it would be just minor and not break the rule. It would be wasting my neighbors time and a nuisance. Such movements for this and similar cases don't actually free up more parking. Some of those it also isn't reasonable to expect someone to be able to take the time to call or otherwise give notice of the need to park longer. I've also found in my neighborhood several people I know have been falsely given notice. They move their car daily but happen to be able to park in the same spot for several days in a row or have moved but someone falsely reported them. Enforcing this rule is a waste of our limited resources. There should be some limit for clearly abandoned cars but 72 hours is not reasonable.
Name not available	Any properly registered and inspected car should be allowed to remain in a legal spot without time restriction in residential areas (metered spots excepted)
Name not available	This is a set of questions that is designed to reduce police involvement, i.e. costs, but without finding the BEST solution.

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Name not shown	Parking for residents in Old Town is especially difficult because nonresidents park in residential areas for full days. Residents should not be limited in how long they can park. More scrutiny should be given to nonresidents parking for extended periods of time.
Lisa Resnick	Parking is difficult enough in Old Town. This rule seems to penalize our residents.
Tom Van Wagner	It is a ridiculous rule. Please get rid of it soonest.
Name not available	<p>I believe there has got to be a better way, especially for those that do not have access to a garage. My fiancée is in the military (along with a huge population around our Nation's Capital)..... and he will be deployed quite a bit this year (mini deployments). His last deployment over the summer is when I had learned of this law - after I had just happened to walk by his car and there was a summons on it.</p> <p>This law is completely disrespectful of those that serve our country and have no means of storing their car anywhere else. On top of my busy schedule (I travel quite a bit too for work) - I have to make sure his car is rotated around our street just because of this 72 hour rule. We live in Park Fairfax area of Alexandria and there are no permits for "residents only" in place.</p> <p>Please repeal this law or make it easier for our service members not to come home to a towed car - especially if I am not able to move it in the 3 days.</p>
Name not available	In our neighborhood, we do have a problem with residents owning 2+ cars and parking them on the street for very extended periods of time. I propose that residents should be able to register one car per person and pay a fee for any additional cars. It seems only fair in a neighborhood where everyone has to park on the street.
Name not available	Some system needs to be in place to encourage parking turnover. Neighbors should be kind and considerate with each other when dealing with limited parking spaces. Those who cannot find it in their hearts to be neighborly should probably move somewhere with assigned parking spaces.

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Frankly, a little neighborly civility would go a long way in this situation. I hope I never have a neighbor who would stoop to using the current rule to get back at another neighbor who parked longer than 72 hours. If he is elderly, there may be a reason. Ditto if he travels. If the situation is irritating, like parking a car for a kid away at college on the street, then talk to the neighbor. Perhaps the city could have a three-week (or other really long period) rule to cover such situations in case of a really unreasonable neighbor, but what people behaving this way really need is a good scolding. At the moment, for extended travel (over a week), we just get help from a neighbor to move the car if it creates a problem, and we do the same for them on occasion.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The rule encourages people with 2 or more cars to park all cars in their driveway and cut off the sidewalk, which is not uncommon. It also forces people to move their cars around rather than create extra parking spaces. If you want to identify abandoned cars, or discourage people from storing their old cars on the street in areas with limited parking availability, put a 30 day limit if you must, but also include signage.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The 72 hour rule should allow for flexibility for owners that pay for parking permits to travel on business or for vacation. Another rule can be created for 'commuters' that park on streets that don't have city registration or permits.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I learned about the 72 hour rule when I saw it used against my elderly neighbor, a 75 year-old man with Parkinson's, who tried to push his unstartable car down the street by himself to avoid having it towed. I couldn't help but think this was a silly rule as I rushed out of my house to give him a hand.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Residents who pay taxes and pay for a parking sticker ought to be able to park their cars for longer than 72 hours when needed, (but not leave cars in the same spot indefinitely). It is particularly important that a resident without a driveway or garage, be able to park as long as they need, just as if they had a driveway or garage. Such residents should not face fines for parking in the same spot for longer than 72 hours. If a complaint is received, the City should contact the vehicle's owner to let them know there has been a complaint and to give them a chance to move it. No fine or towing should take place until after the resident to whom the complaint is directed confirms they understand there has been a complaint about their car.</p>

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	The problem falls on residents which is the opposite of what should be sought. Curb cuts have been suppressed, putting residents at the mercy of the street rules.
Name not shown	Let every resident have slack in his district in which the car is registered. I watch Monteval deal with snow issues, they post signs the day before a big snow removal. Residents move then.
Name not shown	The rule is only a hinderance to me when I need to be on a business trip or vacation.
Name not available	We pay property taxes to maintain our street and we pay for a parking sticker each year to park on our street. As homeowners (we own two homes in Old Town) we should not have a limit on how long our vehicle can be parked on our street. This is a ridiculous parking rule.
Name not available	It is awful for those of us who live in Old Town and pay taxes and travel!
Name not shown	I'd like to see continued enforcement with an increase in time beyond 72 hours ... up to 7 days, no longer. A compromise for all.
Sarah Hodge	The 72-hour rule makes sense if everyone (or even almost everyone) had access to off-street parking. However, in old town, nearly everyone must street park. This causes major headaches for people who travel frequently and must either pay for a garage spot (not financially feasible for many people) or must hand over their keys to a neighbor who is willing to move the car if necessary. If the city wants to maintain the 72-hour rule to improve parking availability, they should find a way to accommodate people who have no other option but to street park. I would be more willing to call about a potentially-abandoned car if I didn't worry I would cause problems for a traveling neighbor!
Name not available	Moving my car weekly for street sweeping should be enough.
Name not available	The times I have reported an 'abandoned' vehicle the city has responded.

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Name not shown	<p>Since I pay personal property tax and parking permit tax, and have my car pass inspection every year, I believe that entitles me to park on my block in Old Town (no garage) without fear of it being ticketed. I live by myself and travel often, for several weeks at a time. It would be impractical for me to apply for a 72-hour waiver for each of the 10 or so times I leave town. I also walk more than drive to shop and dine and socialize in Old Town. That's the definition of an inhabitable city.</p>
Name not shown	<p>If a resident needs to register to park over 72 hours, there needs to be a mechanism that does not require them to go to City Hall to obtain that permit</p>
Rebecca Sneddon	<p>Parking has become an increasingly difficult for residents. I welcome new businesses, but believe that they should be required to have at least a few parking spaces, and some businesses should be required to maintain considerably more than a few, e.g. exercise studios that service 10-20 persons at a time. These additional 10-20 cars from an exercise studio on our block are a significant burden to parking availability. My spouse and I made space in the back of our property for a parking spot and have been punished by the city for it - it now counts against us in the open space calculation, a calculation that is already inherently discriminatory, applied at differing rates depending upon historic area. Since parking is a significant burden, the city should consider encouraging residents to create parking spots at the back of their properties, not punishing them by excluding it from the open space calculation. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
Tom Walczykowski	<p>I walk my dogs through the Clover-College Park neighborhood every day. As a retired law enforcement officer, I am always on the lookout for out of place vehicles and would have reported what I believed to be an abandoned vehicle. I have never done so. I have heard that this rule is heavily enforced in the Old Town area and the general perception is that it is enforced in response to serial complaints from citizens. If a car has a valid neighborhood parking sticker, leave it be and let the PD focus on more important matters like speeding and other driving hazards.</p>
Name not available	<p>This seems to be a solution to a problem that doesn't exist.</p>

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Name not available	I believe Alexandria residents should use their assigned spaces, garages and garage driveways for the parking and storing of their cars, rather than storing them on the street.
Name not shown	I live in an area of Old Town where many of the houses have off-street parking. The 72-hour rule is helpful in maintaining parking availability for when we have guests. I think with the small modification of a registration system for vacation and business trips, the rule strikes a good balance for the parking needs of residents, guests, and tourists - all of whom are vital to the continued growth of Alexandria.
Amy Conrad	The 72-hour rule isn't good for encouraging mass transit use and telecommuting. I work in Bethesda five days a week and take the Metro, for example. I need to use my car to pick up my kids after work, but otherwise I wouldn't use it during the week. Despite the fact I live on the 200 block of S Pitt Street, parking is not a problem, probably due to the time limits on non-resident parking.
Lynn Ribich	Availability of spaces wouldn't be such a problem if parking enforcement would ticket parking violators from local businesses whose employees monopolize street parking all day (Rand) Second and north royal area , around the Watergate complex .
Name not available	Parking will always be an issue and you need to keep cars moving but if residents don't report....no action. I've reported a motorcycle twice, I think they threw the ticket out. Still parked there....Months!

January 9, 2017

Re: “72 Hour Rule” Reform

To the Mayor, City Counsel Members, and Anyone Else this May Concern,

The “72-hour rule” (City of Alexandria City Code, Section 10-4-8) should be repealed in its entirety. It unjustly punishes those who have no other means of parking except for street parking but may also utilize public transportation or travel out of state. Additionally, the 72-hour rule is not the best method of identifying cars that have been truly abandoned and it seems open to abuse which costs our city precious resources.

First, The 72-hour rule punishes those who utilize public transportation. Due to the availability of public transportation, many people utilize the bus and metro system to commute to and from work on a daily basis. Not only is this convenient for the commuter but it helps the city by making roads and highways less congested. Therefore, the use of public transportation should be encouraged and the 72-hour rule punishes those who do not use their vehicle on a day to day basis. Since many people in the City of Alexandria who have no other option but to park in the street “ which is especially true in my neighborhood of Warwick Village in Del Ray “ this means the car will remain parked in the street when they commute. Therefore, one could easily fall victim to the 72-hour rule even though he or she has not actually abandoned the vehicle.

Second, many people in the D.C., Northern Virginia, and surrounding areas tend to travel (via airplane) more often than most “ whether it be for work, visiting family, or pleasure. In our household, someone is often traveling out of state at least once per month “ sometimes as often as three times in one month. When traveling out of state, many people take a taxi, ride-share service, or public transportation to the airport and leave the car parked at home. Since parking at home means parking on the street, one can again become victim to the 72-hour rule when they have not actually abandoned their vehicle.

Name not shown

Third, 72 hours is not the best method of identifying and removing vehicles that have been truly abandoned. Because citizens of Alexandria may utilize public transportation for daily commuting, or may be traveling out of state, many people still need a personal vehicle for shopping and other errands that may only occur once in a while. Therefore, it may be a week or more before someone uses their vehicle. This does not mean it has been abandoned. Instead it means they are being an environmentally and city-conscious person by using their personal vehicle only when absolutely needed. We should encourage this behavior not punish it.

Lastly, I cannot speak personally about the neighbor-versus-neighbor abuse of the 72-hour rule as I have not been a victim of it personally. However, I do see people who place unofficial signs in front of their house claiming vehicles parked there will be towed. I understand this is not enforceable per se, but I can also see the opportunity where one could use the 72-hour rule in an attempt to keep people from parking directly in front of their home in a neighborhood where street parking is otherwise perfectly legal. If someone is simply trying to create a convenient place for themselves to park and calls the city on a regular basis to have people fined or towed, then this misuse of the 72-hour rule is a drain on our public resources.

It is clear that the 72-hour rule places an undue burden on a large portion of the population – quite possibly the majority of the population, but I do not know the numbers exactly. It discourages people from using public transportation, which has a negative impact on the city as well as the environment. The 72-hour period does not accurately define what a truly abandoned vehicle is, especially in light of the availability of public transportation. Moreover, the 72-hour rule can punish those who must leave their car parked for days at a time but have not actually abandoned it. Lastly, it also appears the law – as currently written – leads to misuse which in turn drains the resources of our city. Therefore, the 72-hour rule should be repealed in its entirety.

However, should the people of the City of Alexandria, and its members of City Council see fit to keep some system in place to identify and remove vehicles that have truly been abandoned, there should be a time frame of no less than 30 days of non-movement before a notice of intent is issued to remove the vehicle. After proper notice, the vehicle owner should be given no less than 10 days to move the vehicle, seek a waiver from the city, or seek other relief that may be just and necessary.

Thank you for your time and attention to my concerns regarding this important matter.

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Sincerely,

JAS

Note:

This was submitted to the City of Alexandria via AlexEngage. It was submitted via my account login so it is not anonymous to the city. I elected not to publish my name in the public forum for personal privacy reasons. However, I encourage you to voice your opinion in the forum and debate my points if you feel differently.

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Name not shown	Vehicles with resident parking stickers should be exempt from any rule. We, and many of my neighbors, travel for months at a time. I appreciate the city's need to determine whether a car has been abandoned, and, if so, remove it. However, we do not have private parking. At a minimum, the time should be increased to better allow for resident travel out of town, and a permit for extended periods of time (3 months) should be created.
Converse West	People with multiple vehicles tend to leave the least-used vehicle parked for extended periods of time. People with multiple vehicles, especially in an area including condominiums and apartment buildings, should be required to find off-street parking for seldom-used cars.
Name not available	Are handicap residents exempt? They shouldn't be as anyone in compliance can park in a handicap space. I believe the 72 hour rule is mainly enforced in select areas as well. Besides, there's always someone who'll break the rules. Additionally, as an example, I broke my right foot and was unable to drive for 8 weeks. My car was almost towed because it hadn't been moved. Had it not been for a neighbor who happened to see a police officer about to ticket my car and explained the situation, I would've received a ticket and possibly been towed. A note on the car most likely would not have made any difference!
Name not available	Completely unfair to those houses that have street parking available in particular 100 block of Prince
Name not shown	The rule should not apply to vehicles with residential parking permits.
Gloria Morote	I travel frequently and this 72-hour rule is a HUGE burden on me and my family
Name not shown	I have both our cars on the street at our house as our father had a heart attack down in Florida. I had to leave unexpectedly.

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I live between Slaters and Bashford Lanes and we often have cars that park more for 72+ hours and are not residents. Some people park in the neighborhood and take a taxi/uber to National Airport, some are staying at local air bnbs, and others may be from local apartment buildings. Parking is extremely tight in our neighborhood and the 72 hour rule is our only recourse when non-resident park in our neighborhood. I would prefer to have resident parking passes, but in the meantime, we need some rule to help us with cars that should not be parked in our neighborhood.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>If a system is created to accommodate vacation/business travel, please ensure that the system (1) does not require an in-person appearance at City Hall; or (2) require a visible notice of such travel on/in the vehicle. Residents, like myself, may frequently be called on extended business travel with little notice from their employer, making it inconvenient/impossible to appear in-person at City Hall before departure. Requiring visible note of such travel on/in the vehicle itself presents an obvious security/safety concern, as it invites possible criminal activity, including theft of the car and/or burglary of the affiliated home by announcing the duration of the resident's absence.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>This rule is obsolete, and penalizes residents who travel. We already pay hefty taxes to the city.I am beginning to ask, "for WHAT?" Give us a break!</p> <p>On a related note.....Please allow residents of the city of Alexandria , who pay sky high taxes already, to park in metered spaces for free. The permit displayed would allow the car to be identified easily.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The registration system to accommodate vehicles to park over 72 hours should be online and simple to accomplish. The registration system should not be limited to vacations and business trips but should also allow for other instances such as if a person is hospitalized.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The ordinance doesn't seem to remove clearly non-functioning autos from parking, and penalizes those who use mass transit or bike commute etc. also doesn't account for randomness of parking in terms of when a person leaves/returns daily</p>

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>There are occasions either because of travel or illness when it is impossible to move a car that has been parked for more than 72 hours. Neighbors are usually very understanding as they too may have such a need to park longer some time. Generally in my neighborhood this is not a problem. People are considerate and reasonable. I always thought that the rule was useless and unreasonable.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The 72 hour rule has a good intention but it doesn't work. The rule penalizes those that live and pay taxes to the City of Alexandria for those street parking spaces. A lot of the residents have jobs that require travel for work or allow for mass transit usage on a day to day time frame. Also what about vacations? This rule is only enforced when a neighbor calls on another neighbor and wastes Police time and resources as well as costs tax paying residents money.</p> <p>At a minimum, there needs to be an online system where a resident can register their car for extended street parking for vacations and business trips-minimum 2 weeks time.</p> <p>Ideally, the law would be repealed or at least extended to 7 days to help the residents that are mass transit commuters day to day and just enforce the abandoned vehicle/unregistered car rules already on the books.</p> <p>The real problem with parking availability is the day visitors and tourists that park in resident spots instead of the pay spots because they chance it that the Parking enforcement won't make rounds for several hours.</p> <p>Many times I've come home from work (on Prince Street) and the entire block in front of my house is full of cars without resident stickers in the resident parking and the pay spots on Fairfax between King and Prince and on Royal between King and Prince are completely empty. As a resident that pays for parking decal, I also don't want to pay for a spot for the hours between 6-9 so I end up parking blocks away.</p>

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Name not available	<p>Old town does not have many private driveways or garages. It is impossible for residents when traveling, to comply with 72 hour rule. Please amend this rule.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Chipres Family (2 automobiles)</p>
Ann Liddle	<p>I would not call to report a local (as indicated by a city parking permit). I would call about a car from another district but would probably wait longer than 72 hours - or would try to find out where they are staying. Also, I would not call on a visitor's car if I knew who they were visiting - but I would tell the resident to get a temp permit for the car. Years ago we gave a car the benefit of the doubt only to find it was stolen after we finally did report it. Do not institute a system to register cars to be parked over 72 hours. We are retired and can walk to many places. There are many times one of our cars doesn't move for over 72 hours. Also, if the registration includes a hang tag like the visitors permits, that is a red flag for thieves that the car owner may not be home. I also would not like to have to move my cars to accommodate weekly street sweepings. Where are we supposed to move them to each week? We have nowhere else to park - only the street. We do travel and should not be required to pay for garage or other space when we'll be gone longer than 3 days. I do think the 72 hour rule is useful and can be used to deal with overstaying non-resident-permitted cars. I would hate to have to register my car every time I wanted to go away for more than 3 days!</p>
Name not shown	<p>If a resident pays for a parking permit in their district they should be allowed to park in that district. Repeal this ridiculous ordinance.</p>
Name not shown	<p>YEs it prevents outsiders, non-City residents from parking for long periods of time. I have seen cars parked for weeks with out of state tags and VA state with no city decals.</p>
Name not available	<p>no</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>If the goal is to identify abandoned cars, then can't the city just look for cars without valid parking stickers, and ticket or tow them? I believe if a car has a valid parking sticker - which means the owner is paying (very high) city taxes already - they should be able to park in their zone without fear of repercussion. I am one person with two cars, and am frequently away for business or personal reasons for more than 3 days at a time. I luckily have a dedicated space in front of my house that is not controlled by the city, so the ordinance is usually not a concern for me but can see it being a concern for others in my situation without off-street parking.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The 72-hour rule is selectively enforced by long-time residents who don't like change and don't like people moving in near them who aren't exactly like them. This must change if Alexandria is going to be a vibrant city in the future.</p> <p>On a process note, this is an amazing interactive tool for public engagement! Well done.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>This rule is senseless and only selectively enforced. It should be repealed.</p>
<p>Deborah Outlaw</p>	<p>Residents pay for city parking stickers, so forcing someone to 'register' a vehicle anytime one is on vacation or business travel would be a huge and unnecessary burden. This is a silly rule -- would rather have the city devoting time to other issues.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Allow residents with local stickers to park longer than 72 hours.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>If rule were consistently applied, it would be an intolerable burden on residents' ordinary and reasonable conduct. Inconsistently applied, with no discernible standard for exercising enforcement discretion, it amounts to arbitrary exercise of governmental power. The fact that it is generally not enforced except when invoked to serve individuals' invidious purposes is itself sufficient reason to repeal it.</p>

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Name not available	While it is true that I don't want to see an unknown vehicle parked right in front of my house for days and weeks at a time, the rule is unfair to property owners. We should be able to apply for special exception to the rule within a certain number of feet from our own front door.
Name not shown	I feel the time limit should be longer then 72 hours... maybe closer to 10 days to account for trips, it is sometimes difficult to get to city hall to get extended permits. If the duration is not increased I'd at least request that extended permits could be generated and printed online.
Name not shown	My family has been personally targeted by a neighbor, who used the 72-hour rule as a vehicle for conflict. The 72-hour rule makes it difficult for me to utilize public transport and reduce traffic because I am expected to be constantly moving my car. I sometimes travel for work (for more than 3 days) or go on vacation, but don't have a driveway, so I am always at risk of being towed. The rule encourages people to: (a) drive to work every day, increasing congestion and pollution, and reducing revenue for the public transit system; and (b) seek curbs cuts so they can have off street parking (which also reduces on-street parking). It also creates conflict an suspicion between neighbors. This is the 21st century! Let's prioritize people over cars! Encourage people to walk and take the bus!
Name not shown	If a system is created to give residents the option of registering a vehicle, make it a simple phone call, not some huge bureaucratic procedure with no cost to the resident.
Name not available	I am a retired senior citizen and one of the reasons I live in Old Town so that I don't have to drive everywhere. There are some weeks that I don't use my car at all.
Name not shown	While I do not want more fees or government bureaucracy, I would like to see a system where residential areas are broken into zones. Residents of these zones would them receive stickers (as they pay their car tax) to park on the street in these zones for as long as necessary. Cars parked in these zones without stickers would have a set time limit before needing to move (e.g 4 hours or not overnight). This would reduce non-resident parking congestion while also turning over parking. Residents could also purchase or request short term stickers for overnight guests when there will be extended stays.

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Name not shown	<p>I live in a condo building that has limited off street parking. The 72 hour rule could be a real issue when going on vacation or having guests from out of town visit. The MUCH bigger issue in my neighborhood is that one resident parks at least 13 cars on the street. He also performs maintenance on these cars on the street, leaving oil and grease leaks. He is retired so can easily move his cars once he receives a citation. Limiting the number of cars or city tags a specific residence can have would be helpful with this. Or charging a higher tax after a certain number of cars. Also, there should be a rule against doing major work on cars in the street and a way to cite people for leaving oil and other chemicals in the street due to this work.</p> <p>We also have another issue with people parking in the neighborhood to walk to the metro. My block is not currently zoned, and zoned parking would increase the annual expense of owning a car as well as cause an issue when out of town guests visit. As more streets in my neighborhood become zoned, the parking and walking to the metro issue becomes more localized to my block, especially when other streets have more parking that is not in front of a residence.</p> <p>Street sweeping signs would be helpful but again would cause an issue when traveling. And the street sweeping would actually have to get done.</p> <p>Another issue with parking occurs during leaf pick up. Since residents can leave their leaves in the streets, this takes up parking spaces, and sometimes leaves are not picked up for weeks. Eventually, people begin to park on the leaf piles and that makes it difficult for the city to pick up. Having a leaf schedule that is more specific for each zone, as well as prohibits putting leaves out more than so many days in advance would help.</p>
Name not shown	<p>I live in Old Town and only use my car on the weekends because I take other forms of transportation to work. There is no reason to force me to move my car - which is parked on the street right in front of my house - any more frequently than I do. If the City wants to target abandoned cars, change it to a one-month rule.</p>

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Even when we are in town, there are weeks that we just don't need to use our vehicle. It's silly to need to move the car, thus increasing carbon emissions and wasting gas, just to avoid a citation. It's also a burden when we're going to be out of town.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Residents without parking should be permitted to leave their vehicles unattended either while travelling or when they are commuting via public transportation. Street parking is not crowded in North Old Town at this time.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I think my biggest issue with the ordinance, at least in my neighborhood of Old Town, is that everyone has to have a parking permit to park anywhere on the street for longer than 3 hours. The only way to get a permit is to own or rent a property on the street. Therefore having a rule to move the cars every 72 hours is silly because you clearly live there if your car is able to be there for over 3 hours. Plus we have street sweeping every week so the cars are moved at least once week.</p>
<p>Bea Porter</p>	<p>The 72 hour rule should not apply to residents. Residents already pay to park their vehicles on the streets. We get ticketed if parked at a meter even with a residential parking sticker. We should not be ticketed if we cannot park on the residential side of the streets. There are many vehicles that come into the city that park in residential parking without paying a meter or to the City. If you do not have enough parking enforcement officers to monitor the vehicles that do not live in our zone then certainly the City should not be penalizing or fining the residents who are required to pay a parking fee.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>As a resident of Alexandria without a driveway or garage the 72-hour rule is a burden when taking a vacation or business trip for more than 3 days. Although I only travel a few times a year, those trips do tend to be extended stays and I have a great deal of anxiety about the 72-hour rule while I am out of town. Also, when a two-car household takes a vacation they will only use one car, thus leaving the second car parked in Alexandria for the duration of the vacation. If this ordinance could be repealed in full, or if there was a way residents could register a vehicle when on vacation or on a business trip it would make life much easier for the residents of Alexandria who do not have the luxury of a driveway or garage. The wonderful thing about living in Alexandria is that we have great access to public transportation; we can get to airports and train stations without needing to use our cars. I truly appreciate City Council's consideration of this seemingly small, but stressful issue.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Stop putting business needs over residents.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>If there already is a rule saying that an abandoned car can be removed within 40 plus hours, 72-hour rule is unnecessary. A car can be in a space for over 72 hours, and it does not mean it has been abandoned. Something else needs to be proved to show it has been abandoned. The 72-hour rule is not necessary to help with removal of abandoned cars, as well as not helping increase parking spaces.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>How about limiting the 72 hour rule to those who do not have the zone parking decal</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The 72-Hour Rule is presently the only recourse residents have against what happens in Del Ray. This is an increasingly busy area, and there are some residents (particularly near the corner of Clyde and East Del Ray) who own sometimes-upward of 6 junk cars. They park them on the streets, and never move them. By virtue of being tagged "antique," they don't need inspections and other indicia of usability. They are used as storage sheds for garbage, and otherwise monopolize large swaths of parkable space that is becoming increasingly scarce. If they are ticketed for a 72-hour violation, they are pushed up and down the street.</p> <p>This rule NEEDS to stay in place for this reason. Without it, the entire street would be drowned in junk automobiles. Or, if it is repealed, there should be a permitted parking area in Del Ray, with each residence getting only 2-3 permits.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Although the rule doesn't seem to be enforced that much, it is a real worry for residents who don't have off street parking. It should not apply to cars with the appropriate zone parking sticker that are parked in their Alexandria parking zone.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>We need a different ordinance. Residents should be allowed to park near their homes. There should be no limit for them. But people should not be allowed to indefinitely park their cars in other neighborhoods or wherever they find a parking space.</p> <p>We have a car that appears on our street every few weeks and sits for weeks. It isn't owned by anyone in our neighborhood. That shouldn't be allowed.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The City of Alexandria does not actively enforce the 72-hour rule, but instead only reacts when a neighbor files a complaint. For a rule to be effective, its enforcement must be clear, transparent and objective. The decal system in place in other parts of Alexandria (i.e., Old Town) is an example of a well-defined and enforceable rule and could be scaled up to other areas of Alexandria.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Offer discounted paid parking permits to employees for specific working hours (1/2 before and 1/2 at the end of their shift) to reduce employees moving their vehicles during the day. This could be in the residential areas when most residents are at work anyway and there is parking available. The cost could be equivalent to the reduced parking fee employees pay in the garages/lots or maybe a little cheaper to encourage employees to get the permit. Employees without the permits are ticketed at a high cost to encourage them to get the paid permit which would be guaranteed revenue for the City.</p>
<p>Tim Morgan</p>	<p>I live in Old Town, and I leave my vehicle in one spot for over 72 hours on a regular basis. I avail myself of all of the alternative means of transportation available in Old Town but do need a vehicle for many essential trips such as groceries, doctor appointments, etc. In addition, I frequently travel for up to two weeks at a time for business and vacations.</p> <p>I think that residents of an area with controlled parking, such as Old Town, should be permitted to leave their vehicles for extended periods. I don't think this is at all unreasonable, since (1) I do need a vehicle and have a right to own one, (2) I don't have adequate parking on my property, (3) I pay for and post the city issued parking sticker. As long as my vehicle is registered, licensed, and posts the appropriate sticker, it is not "abandoned" if it's parked in my neighborhood.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Alexandria resident here. Maybe increase the time to one full week (7days) to allow for business trips / vacations, and a registration system for any parking anticipated longer than that.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I agree with the intent of the 72-hour rule, but as a resident with no option but street parking and someone who's job often requires extended travel, it seems reasonable to provide an option to allow people to register (with some form of verification, such as a plane ticket receipt) their vehicle for an exemption. Alternatively, the city could provide some option way for off-street parking in such an event for our vehicles.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>As a victim of this law 10 years ago while parked near my house (not knowing of this law's existence) I was not a fan of it however, having somebody (not a neighbor) park in front of my house for 27 day's this summer so that I didn't have reasonable access to my home I think this law should have been enforced (although i did not, but would if it happened again.) In most cases of a violation, a vehicle likely sits for several days before it is reported by someone and then after the police place a notice on it the 72 hours begins so in many cases it is there for at least a week before it is removed. Perhaps some extension of time is appropriate or the solution I suggested is no enforcement if the vehicle is parked within 2 blocks and ON the street the vehicle is tagged and registered.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I am a resident who does not have a driveway or garage, so we have to park on the street. We routinely travel for work and vacations, so this ordinance affects us directly. We also live on a block that is close to the tourist areas and parks, so we frequently have vehicles parked in front of our house and on our block, so we usually have to fight for spots. We experience both sides of the argument.</p> <p>A lot of times the only spot we can find in our zone isn't in front of our house. If we have to leave for a business trip/vacation, that's where our vehicle has to stay until we return. Finding a parking spot is all in the luck of the draw! I feel that if a resident's registered vehicle, or registered visitor vehicle, is parked in the zone for which it is registered, the 72-hour rule should not apply. It should only apply to a vehicle that is not registered for that specific zone.</p> <p>If a system is set up that would allow residents to register their vehicle for an extended period, it needs to be available online, so residents can do it while away or after business hours. An online system would be better than the current 72-hour system, but it will still be a bit cumbersome for those of us who travel on a regular basis.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The West End of Alexandria needs much more enforcement of the 72-hour rule. Start giving people tickets. I shouldn't have to call after a week.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The City should be accommodating to its residents who do not have off street parking.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>There are a few cars in my neighborhood that are "antique" cars, but they are in awful condition and will be parked in the same spot for months at a time. It seems like the 72 hour rule doesn't work unless a neighbor gets fed up enough and calls in the violation.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>the only time I noticed this being applied was with a personal grudge in neighborhood - we shouldn't create a 'rule' for those w personal problems</p> <p>there are so many instances in residential area where one might be unable to move cars: weather; age; travel....</p> <p>it would be best if neighbors communicated if there were a problem</p> <p>I wish in my neighborhood people would park sensibly if they leave a car for days - it can't always happen, this is a city/people where life impacts the dream situations</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Many people in our neighborhood do not have driveways and need to park on the street. Many have more than one car per household and do not drive each car all the time. Residents should be able to park in front of their houses unencumbered and forced to move a car they don't drive as often as another. I can see where in the heart of Old Town Alexandria or other congested communities, available parking is often compromised so if the City is going to enforce the 72-hour rule, there should be an exception for people who reside in the neighborhood where there is NO time limit to remaining in one spot on the street. If necessary, this can be determined by parking stickers per neighborhood zone. Residents should not have to play 'the parking game' of having to move their car for no real reason. In our neighborhood, people know who owns which cars so we know when an outside car is parked in the neighborhood.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Streets are owned by the city. I do not support unreasonable subsidized use of public space for private property. Auto parking is a necessary evil but the city should consider removing parking spots to increase public safety.</p> <p>Please keep this rule and consider how you can better utilize city space to increase public safety.</p>

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Name not shown	I like the idea of repealing this, but the problem my street faces is the opposite of many others. We have many people parking our block from condos and public housing which abut our block. Unknown cars are sometimes parked for days in front of our house. I have no idea who they belong to or where they go. It damages the community feel of our part of Old Town. Some condos have no parking, while others have 1 parking space but residents have more than 1 vehicle. The city allowed development of Colecroft without much parking. Our street bears way too much overflow. Regarding street cleaning: sounds good in theory, but the city rarely ever cleans N Peyton Street. Most years residents have to complain just to get 1 or 2 leaf collections: very poor indeed.
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Name not shown	<p>I have so many concerns I can't begin to convey them in writing.</p> <p>One of my main requests is that anyone living in the city must have a personal parking sticker to park on the streets. Not only will this help with parking issues it will require residents to pay what is their civic duty to pay.</p> <p>Streets should not be parking lots for those people living in apartments who are trying to get around parking rules for apartment developments. People who are living in apartments and who are not on the lease and parking their car off site should not be allowed to park on public streets unless they have a personal property sticker on their car. These are cheaters in more ways than one.</p> <p>People who do not live on a street and park their car for an extended period of time impact how a homeowner can maintain the curb and parking median in front of their house. Believe it or not some residents mow and edge the parking median and sweep and pressure wash the curb area.</p> <p>I also find that people who do not live on the street where they park often times leave litter which I as a homeowner must clean.</p> <p>Why can't neighbors work out a system on their street if there is a problem between neighbors? Talk with each other for heaven's sake.</p> <p>As I continue to hear 'one size does not fit all'. There are many different scenarios.</p> <p>If City Council continues to reduce the required amount of parking for new construction the parking issue is only going to grow. Very few people are going to live without a car no matter how close transit is. I don't pick my dentist by how close his office is to my house. I pick my dentist by his qualifications.</p>
Name not shown	<p>I think people who can afford a car should have the ability to make arrangements to have the car moved or stored somewhere other than the street if they are going to be gone for more than 3 days. The rule is a good one for those areas where parking is difficult.</p>

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Lorne Craner	<p>In my experience the 72 hour rule is needed and should be kept as is. About once a month a car or truck parks in front/very near our house, and is left there for three days. Often because they are poorly parked they take up more than one space. They are usually cars from condos a block or two way that for some reason don't choose to park in their lots. On occasion after three days I will call the parking police, who give the car another three business days before ticketing it. So the car gets at least six and sometimes eight days (over a weekend) before the car has to be moved. In the meantime, I have to cross our busy street to the only parking available, with children and groceries in tow because someone can't be bothered to park in their own lot. Increasing the amount of time beyond 72 hours doesn't help because the parker already gets at least 2x72 hours as I noted above. Keep them rule as it is.</p>
Maria Smith	<p>The time and money it would take to police all these "violators" could be better spent on, oh, I don't know...just about anything. This isn't NYC, and unless the city wants to build more garages or have circulator buses running around the clock, there's no point in having such stringent restrictions. As long as a car has valid plates and a city sticker, it should be able to be parked wherever there is space for a reasonable length of time (i.e. at least a week, minimum).</p>
Name not available	<p>Or, keep rule but exempt cars with current City stickers.</p>

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Shannon Watson	<p>The rule should be rescinded or amended to allow 2 weeks of parking for residents with appropriate credentials. If a resident requires more time due to an extended stay, arrangements must be made with the City on a case by case basis. For non-residents, residents should be able to call APD to report cars that have been parked in the neighborhood for 24 hours. APD should then take immediate steps to ticket the owner and tow the vehicle. I do not believe that the rule should be maintained as is, as many Old Town owners and residents do not have driveways or garages where we may leave our vehicles while out of town for business or personal reasons. Additionally, many of us have good neighbors and tell our neighbors when we are traveling. I sometimes leave a car key with neighbors in case the car must be moved for any reason. For those residents whose relationships with their neighbors may not be as close, I am concerned that the rule will result in worse relations rather than better.</p>
Name not shown	<p>This was very helpful in removing an abandoned car on our street. The city removed it almost exactly 72 hours after we reported it.</p>
Patrick Jones	<p>Perhaps there is a need for time limits to on-street parking around Old Town, but the blanket 72-hour rule across the city should be repealed. It is difficult for residents who travel away from Alexandria longer than 72 hours and have to park on a street.</p>
Name not shown	<p>Repealing the rule and adding signage about street cleaning, etc would not address the issue. It would make parking worse because no one would be able to park in certain areas on given days.</p>
Peter Flinch	<p>The 72 hour rule is too draconian in my view.</p>
Name not available	<p>Having a household with two traveling consultants we have dealt with this issue and past citations. Caused not only by the travel, but also the inability due to street ordinance to park cars in my own drive at Old Town Greens development. On periodic weeks also teleworked and still had to worry about moving cars.</p>

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Pablo Nuesch	<p>There are three issues: (1) the need to ensure that there is parking spaces available for residents and visitors; (2) the need to accommodate a resident's bonafide need to leave vehicles parked on the street, near the residence, for longer periods of time; and (3) the lack of general knowledge about the rule. Given the general limited availability of parking spaces through much of the City, it is imperative that the City not allow the storage or long-term parking of vehicles on its streets. However, residents should be able to use on-street parking on a daily basis. The time permitted to park should be lengthen, but not all areas of the City are the same. Where parking is not so much of an issue, lengthening the time up to a week should be OK. In other areas of the City, that may be too long. Residents should be able to leave their vehicles parked on the street for up to two or perhaps even three weeks near their residence by notifying the City. Residents should be able to do this a couple of time per year (even, perhaps, be able to combine the two periods into one). Most importantly, the City needs to ensure that residents and visitors are aware of the rule by including notices with the annual tax/parking stickers, installing signs where appropriate, posting the rule on the City's website (both areas used by residents and visitors), etc.</p> <p>Question 3 needs another possible answer: I have not, but on occasion have thought about calling the police, but didn't wanting to be neighborly, but remained upset that a neighbor would do such a thing</p>
Name not shown	<p>I feel that residents without parking spaces, driveways or garages should be given more consideration (especially those that travel extensively for work.) e.g. identify & provide those residents with special sticker or permit; unfortunately there are residents with driveways and/or garages that are not considerate of those without driveways, and they do not use their driveways, they park on street, and usually they own more than two vehicles.</p>

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<p>Joanne Westbrook</p>	<p>Part of the reason that Alexandria is such an appealing place to live is that it is conveniently located to Metro. This means that I can leave my car at home and rely on Metro for my daily commute. However, this ordinance adds unnecessary complications in having to constantly think about where my car is, when I last moved it, and whether or not my neighbors are going to be punitive and report me to the police. I also feel like it's an unnecessary burden on the Alexandria police department, which already has enough real crime to focus on. Other counties and cities either have street sweeping rules to ensure parking turnover or they have ordinances that focus on removing cars that are obviously not currently running and are being stored on the streets instead of a more appropriate location. I pay my property taxes, the registration fees, and the permit fees - I should be able to park on the street where and as I need without having to worry about needlessly rotating my car ever 72 hours. Especially considering that Alexandria is looking to add more condo/apartment buildings and you will have more people who need to park cars on the street.</p>
<p>Marc Pilcher</p>	<p>I appreciate the importance of a tool to address abandoned vehicles, but I think there must be better tools; this one seems to be exploited by aggressive neighbors, and inconveniences those without off-street parking (used to be us, but not anymore).</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>1) Require all vehicles parked on the street to be maintained in functioning condition (no flat tires, no car accident carcasses, no up-on-blocks chassis). KEEP the 72-hour rule to apply to vehicles that fail this test. 2) Extend the 72 hour rule to 5 days to enable weekly business travelers to not have to make arrangements for moving their car during the week. 3) Create an online registration system for residents to declare parking for up to 3 weeks at a time to enable vacations or extended time away from home. In the registration system, require a 14-day delay before re-registering the same vehicle to stop residents from abusing the registration system.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>If a car is registered and has current tags and permits there should be no problem. I'd prefer the city go after all of the people who register their cars in Maryland and live in Old Town!</p>

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I am not in favor of repealing the law as I would not like to see someone occupy space indefinitely, however as a frequent business and vacation traveler I sometimes do so in fear of this rule.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>As a resident in the Potomac Yard neighborhood, I do not have a driveway, and must park my vehicle on the street. There are several of my neighbors in the same situation. There are neighbors however that want to monopolize the public parking spaces close to their house, so parking enforcement is constantly called. This is an abuse and misuse of law enforcement resources. The 72 hour should be repealed because it does nothing more than allow individuals to utilize law enforcement officers to monopolize public parking space.</p>
<p>Devon Russell</p>	<p>The rule is only arbitrarily enforced. I often park in the same spot after driving my car and no officer could ever know if the car had moved or not. My wife and I regularly park our cars next to each other for extended periods. She often receives notices and my vehicle never has. There is no sense in that. The 72 hour rule simply penalizes those who don't not have a driveway if they choose to make responsible transportation decisions like walking, biking, and public. Part of the reason I bought a house in del ray was to live a fully walkable life. I go out of my way to avoid driving whenever possible. I feel that this rule is a burden on these healthier choices. A non time limited zoned system would be a sensible alternative. The city already issues everyone a sticker, just put a zone number on them and don't hassle anyone in their own neighborhood.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The 72 hour rule unfairly burdens residents who commute to work via public transportation, on foot, or by bike. It also unfairly burdens those who telework, like me. This rule cannot be fairly or reasonably enforced. A resident could simply drive around the block once every other day and re-park their vehicle in the same space, thus resetting the 72 hour period. Any determination of how long that vehicle had been parked is merely guesswork. If Alexandria City is concerned about parking availability, I suggest that it zone the streets in neighborhoods and allow residents to register for permits. This has already been effectively implemented in Old Town.</p>

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Name not available	I live in an historic condominium village with insufficient parking. Would like city to mandate sticker system to reveal/control units with multiple vehicles and long-term non-resident parking.
Name not shown	If you repeal the ordinance, the parking options for residents actually gets harder. Cars remaining in place without legal restriction would be a parking nightmare for those of us who need daily and active parking near our houses. Please don't do it!!!!
Name not shown	I live in Seminary West and I frequently have people park in front of my house for long intervals. My house is the only one within three blocks to have a curb, and folks feel compelled to park there as they use it as long term parking to take the bus into D.C.. I was not aware of this rule, and I plan to use it frequently. Please don't repeal.
Patrick Moran	I believe that this is a timely issue. As more and more residents work from home, and as the our city invests more and more into non-vehicular transportation options, we should not have ordinances that, in effect, require use of your properly-permitted vehicle, if only to move it every 72 hours. I suggest either repealing it and reevaluating parking limit and street sweeping signs, or extending the time from 72 hours to one week. I understand the likely purpose of the ordinance to prevent long term storage of vehicles, particularly non-operational vehicles on city streets, and a revision of the 72-hour rule to a week would accomplish this to the same effect. As our economy becomes less and less reliant on daily vehicle use, we should not have policies that entrench it as a requirement.
Name not shown	It is a silly rule. So much of Old Town shoppes and restaurants depend on tourist trade, there should be free parking everywhere to help local small businesses prosper. Off-topic, I know, yet relevant to this discussion.
Name not available	Repeal.. this is an unnecessary law and a burden to residents who may be traveling and leaving their car parked at their residence.

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yvonne bonner	<p>Parking is already restricted with parking permits and parking time limits for non residents. Residents without garages and driveways already pay for the pleasure of parking through permit fees and taxes, no other fees should be levied in addition to those fees. If on street parking will be limited then the city should consider altering zoning laws so residents can install driveways or parking pads in their yards. Many of us travel for work far beyond 72 hours a trip.</p>
Name not available	<p>This ordinance is a burden to already parking challenged residents in Old Town. Residents must compete with tourists for parking spaces.</p>
Name not available	<p>We have 2 cars but one stop. The 72 hr rule is a problem b/c - since we are trying to be eco friendly- my husband bikes to work & don't drive our second car often. I think maybe 7 days would be better but only for residents. I also like the idea of being able to register when we go on vacation.</p>
Linus Liddle	<p>Exempt cars displaying parking permits for the location.</p>
Name not shown	<p>I like the concept of the rule and have called the city for an abandoned vehicle parked on our street for several months. However, we do not have a driveway/garage, only street parking (unzoned area) and we travel. Having the ability to register to park longer would be very helpful. Alternatively, we could register our cars to park on our street and unregistered cars would be subject to the 72hr rule. Thanks for seeking public input on this.</p>
Name not shown	<p>I had no idea that this rule existed until one of my neighbors received a citation. Parking is never a problem on my street. Rather than contacting the owner of the car to resolve whatever the problem was, it seemed like the person used the 72-hour rule instead. I have to believe that whatever issue existed might have been resolved through communication. Since the police could not say who it was who complained, my neighbor was left not knowing what the real issue was or a clear way to resolve it. Also, because parking is not a problem on my street, having to register a vehicle every time I go on vacation seems like a huge inconvenience. However, I can understand that on streets where parking is at a premium, having a limitation probably makes sense --- but I think the time limit should be longer.</p>

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Jeremy Greiner	<p>The idea of making sure abandoned vehicles do not remain in parking spots is good, as well as the idea of preventing a resident from monopolizing a spot, but of all the 72 hour violations given, I bet only 10-20% fall under those two scenarios. Assuming those percentages are roughly correct, it should be easy for the resident to have the ticket cleared. So let's make it easy to do so. At the same time, this Rule should not be a hassle for the City employees to enforce or clear. Let's make it better, but let's not spend a lot of valuable resources on it.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Name not shown	<p>When I first moved to Alexandria I was towed due to the 72 hour rule while working overseas in Afghanistan for a month. It was very difficult to get it out of the towing lot and leaving it in for the month I was gone would have made it unaffordable to retrieve my car. Luckily I was able to resolve the situation but it was because my fiance was able to navigate the legal process. After returning I spoke with my neighbors and didn't have any additional issues with it but it definitely caused some tensions. My current neighbors travel for work frequently and there are no problems with the parking in our area. If I saw an abandoned car I would report it but most of the time cars are moved within a week of being parked.</p>

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Name not available	<p>This is insensitive and an unnecessary and a potentially aggravating burden to the residential taxpayers of old town Alexandria, who pay dearly to live within its borders. If whoever is deciding on changing this rule, please ask yourself if you lived in old town Alexandria, would you want this law ? Please consider the following:</p> <p>The majority of homes in old town Alexandria have no driveways and are forced to park on the street. Carting groceries, etc from a parking spot 2 blocks away is unkind, especially to the more senior residents (of which there are many in old town.) Often residents work out of their homes, so their cars aren't used every day. Often residents have visitors who stay beyond the 72-hour limit which would force them to move. Requiring any of these residents to move their cars just to give equal use of the parking areas is silly. I live on a busy street with only 2 homes that have driveways. The same cars (almost all my neighbors) juggle for parking spots and they find them, if not normally on our block, on the block around the corner.</p> <p>This rule doesn't help neighbors remain neighbors, it allows griping neighbors an opportunity for retaliation. Squealing on your neighbors for whatever reason--unless it endangers someone or something--shouldn't be encouraged. Our homes are literally placed shoulder to shoulder in old town. We should strive to live together peaceably.</p>
Name not shown	<p>First, thanks so much for proactively soliciting comments on this. (I'm responding to the email the city sent out). I think it's a great idea to somehow amend the rule to allow residents to park for more than 72 hours to allow for longer trips out of town. The ONLY advantage I see in the current rule is to make sure there aren't abandoned vehicles on the street (which I've never actually seen anyway.) But I assume that can be accomplished by other ordinances. Through either a registration system or by amending the rule, I would encourage an end result in which cars with resident parking stickers can park in their designated zone for up to three weeks - which would accommodate nearly any out-of-town trip and also somewhat control parking since it would be limited to those with parking permits. Thanks again.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Because I knew about the rule, it has caused me worry and inconvenience when traveling longer than three days. Now that I know the rule is enforced only based on a complaint, I believe it could stay on the books but be modified to exclude all enforcement against a vehicle actively registered to an Alexandria resident and parked within reasonable walking distance of his/her home (perhaps defined as less than 2 miles) or any vehicle with a valid Alexandria parking permit sticker.</p>
<p>Susan Struthers</p>	<p>Non-residents of our condominium, which is ideally situated for National Airport, will park and leave their vehicles on our already crowded streets in excess of 72 hours. Creating a system as suggested above may not work for this category of parkers and could increase taxes for residents. Truly, I don't know what the answer is but repealing the law will likely result in hardship to our residents.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I travel frequently for work. One of the reasons I moved to Alexandria was its proximity to DCA. I pay taxes and I have a parking permit. I live in Old Town, near the King St. metro. While I occasionally have to park up to one block away from my house, I find this rule to be onerous, and indeed, absurd.</p>
<p>Kim Place-Gateau</p>	<p>A neighbor's car got towed recently, despite there being PLENTY of street parking on our block. Evidently someone complained, and the car was towed away from a spot next to his home. I assume he had to pay a fee to get it back. I find it unfair that an older resident who doesn't drive much anymore could be put in such a position.</p>
<p>Nathan Macek</p>	<p>I completely agree with the idea of creating a registry where personal property tax-paying residents can register to park on street for up to 15 days. This would provide a way for residents to park cars on street for longer periods of time without upending the City's ability to enforce against cars parked longer than 72 hours by non-residents and abandoned vehicles.</p>

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James Allison	<p>This is an issue that is specific to each neighborhood. While street parking is limited in such areas as Old Town or Delray, my Braddock Heights neighborhood has more than ample parking. My infraction was incurred on a street around the corner from my house, on a block with NO parked cars except for the occasional visitor. Furthermore, I was careful to park along someone's side yard, not claiming a space in front of their house. I can guess the neighbor who reported the "strange" car, but that is irrelevant. For a neighborhood like mine, a 72-hour or any-hour rule is unnecessary and introduces an undue burden. Frequent travel, use of a different vehicle, and use foot or bike transportation are all legitimate reasons why a car might be left 3, 4, 7, 14, 30 days. Issue parking zone decals if the City feels it must verify that parked cars belong to a local resident, but unless a neighborhood is experiencing a rash of abandoned cars, there is no need for the restriction. I urge Council to repeal the ordinance entirely.</p>
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<p>Sherry Grossman</p>	<p>The 72-hour rule is inconsistent with healthy lifestyle changes that many of us are trying to undertake, such as using public transit, and walking and biking more, which leaves our cars less used (which is a good thing for us and for the environment!) It is also burdensome for retired folks or those who are ill and don't use their cars as much as they used to and for people who travel for extended periods of time. I think that residents should generally be able to park their cars on the street in their neighborhood (preferably in front of their house) for as long as they want undisturbed. In areas where there is insufficient parking for residents, there should be a limit to how many cars per residence are subject to this privilege, enforced through the residential parking permit system. Any cars over the allotted number of permits per residence would have to obey time limits per individual street signs or find off-street parking. In my neighborhood (Monticello Park), many houses have driveways and there is generally sufficient street parking for residents (although we are not without our occasional problems), so I don't think it's necessary to limit parking or have a permit system at this time. (We should nonetheless be as courteous as possible and not hog spaces in front of other people's houses without permission.) We should still be able to identify and report vehicles that are truly abandoned. That would entail coming up with a more reasonable time period that an unmoved car could be investigated as potentially abandoned. But it may be hard, unless you have a security camera trained on it 24/7, to swear that a car has not been moved and re-parked in the same spot. I do it all the time. In neighborhoods with restricted parking, it may be necessary to create a reporting system for local cars without permits, so that, for example, if you are planning to go abroad for longer than the time limit for abandonment, you will report that fact to the city government office responsible for investigating abandoned car issues and they will know that this car is not truly abandoned. This requires the car to be parked on a street without time restrictions and would only be necessary for cars without a residential permit. Or perhaps someone else has a better idea. In any case, the 72-hour rule is not a good policy and should be repealed.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Believe enforcing 72 rule for non residents is appropriate. This is easily checkable using the City of Alexandria stickers already issues annually.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>In a time where many of us commute via metro and/or travel outside of DC it is long overdue to eliminate this rule.... especially for residents.</p>

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Seems to me that we pay to have a parking decal because we have to park on the street, why would you enforce 72 hour rule on city residents with a parking decal. I pay to park in district 9 and there are areas in my district that no decal is required. Seems to be a money maker for the city and for neighbors that are always in your business.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>With the high tax rate in the City of Alexandria, it seems that the city is constantly on the lookout to gauge its citizens once more!!!!!!</p> <p>Why doesn't the city get its financial house in order before it attempts to gauge its citizens??? How was embezzlement in the City tolerated, and not noticed immediately? What are the internal auditing controls in place??? It seems to me that this city does everything possible to discourage businesses, which would lessen the tax burden on its citizens. What happened to all the big law firms in town? The City of Alexandria decided to tax assets not earned here, and thus drove them away. ...Thus, empty storefronts & the emergence of more "box stores"! Why don't you get your house in order before you institute financial burdens on the very citizens who pay your salaries???</p>
<p>Jennifer Daugherty</p>	<p>The 72-hour rule could negatively impact Alexandria residents who are active military or work for national security agencies who deploy overseas for weeks or months at a time. Additionally, this could impact those of us who work from home as well as parents who are home for maternity or paternity leave for months at a time and may not drive with newborns out often. I did not drive often when our son was born. Alexandria residents also pay for parking permits and should not have to pay to park their cars in parking lots when they travel to avoid being towed.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Have seen streets posted with parking restrictions such as 3 hour parking limit except for residents. Is not already on some streets in Alexandria?</p>
<p>Ryan Koder</p>	<p>This rule could inadvertently impact people who commute via public transport and leave their car for mostly weekend use. That behavior should not be discouraged in any way. Separately, if you are parked legally you should be allowed to remain in that spot for as long as you want. Permit fees and registration are enough of a deterrent. There are other ways to address abandoned vehicles that don't waste the time and resources of APD.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Additional thoughts about parking in general around 1420 W. Abingdon. For YEARS we were allowed to park on the street and ticketing and towing was not enforced, allowing residents to have a place to park. In addition to repealing the 72 hour rule, please also either allow Mason Hall, by ordinance, to create more parking spaces (they say the city will not allow them), or provide resident parking permits for us to park on W. Abingdon, Bashford or/and Slater's Lane. Thank you!</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The impetus to support parking turnover is *wonderful* in the Old Town commercial area and other places where there are businesses that we all need to access, but 72 hours seems arbitrary in a place like my neighborhood, which is full of single family homes and townhouses and has an abundance of street parking. Most of my neighbors have driveways, but those who don't or who have an extra car and need to park it on the street can do so without bothering anybody at all. A blanket rule for everything within the city limits seems too broad; better to have this handled zone-by-zone. I definitely like the idea of a registration system so you can alert police if your car is going to be parked for a number of days while you travel!</p>
<p>Chris Morell</p>	<p>I have never received a citation for parking on the street, but I did, infuriatingly, receive one for parking in my own private parking space.(!)</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>With public transit and the sharing economy which has resulted in increased use of Uber, Lyft, etc. in many cases residents do not need to use their vehicles except maybe on weekends. Therefore, it may be impractical to move a vehicle every 72 hours. The city should encourage alternative transportation methods that encourages residents to not use their vehicles during weekdays to cut down on traffic on our streets. In addition, during vacations, etc. residents may not be able to move their vehicles. In my opinion this ordinance is used primarily for neighbors to complain when someone parks in front of their house. People feel that they have a right to the parking spot that is in front of their house, even though it is a public street. Complaints that require an officer to post a notice on a vehicle and return in 72 hours is a waste of city resources.</p>

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Offer parking permits to residents so that they can park on their respective streets/avenues however many hours needed for travel or vacations. Residents should not have to "register" a vehicle each time it might be parked for more than 72 hours. Parking permits would alleviate this requirement.</p>
<p>Nicholas Provenzo</p>	<p>This regulation is unfounded and a burden to my enjoyment of my property. It requires that I move my car parked in front of my home for no other purpose than complying with the rule. I support immediate repeal.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>8 new townhouses with 2 garage spaces each - opened last month in the 500 block of Oronoco St. Since then a new neighbor, presumably from one of the new townhouses has parked one of their cars in front of my house - and it has not moved for a month. This new TH development has made parking in my block more difficult. So it is especially irksome that someone has decided to make a spot in front of my house - their permanent storage spot. I just called the police a couple days ago to complain - and hopefully they will ticket the car on Monday, after the five day period (from them) has passed.</p> <p>This rule needs to stay to prevent abuse like this. What to do about extended trips is an issue, perhaps extend the rule to 14 days. Creating a database for users to enter exception requests is not a good idea - as it could be abused by dishonest employees that would know who would be away for an extended periods of time. Thanks for listening ...</p>
<p>Paul Friedman</p>	<p>I would like to know how big a problem this is before I create a new registration process.</p> <p>Do we really have that many abandoned cars on our public streets?</p> <p>If so, and we need to enforce this rule, then creating a way for residents to get a free sticker to signify that their vehicle may not move for long periods due to their work or travel situation should be made available, as well as an easy appeals process should they not have a sticker displayed but have a valid reason for their car needing the exemption.</p>

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Tom Ortiz	<p>In Del Ray we have seen what a dispute between neighbors can become with the garage wall issue. This was picked up by the Washington Post as well as locally and does not present a positive view of what our city is like. Let's not provide more fuel to be used for petty disagreements. I have a garage and while I do travel for longer periods I cannot garage two cars at the same time thus making it impossible for me to comply with this law if I fly. Vacation time should be enjoyed not complicated with petty rules that do not apply to resident's life-styles.</p>
Name not shown	<p>"When the Alexandria Police Department receives complaints about violations, an officer is dispatched to respond to the situation. An officer returns three days later to check on the vehicle's status. If the vehicle has moved, no action is taken. If the vehicle has not been moved, the officer issues a citation and--when warranted--places notification on the car indicating that the vehicle will be impounded if it is not removed." I was told by one resident (I cannot confirm except that he told me this) that he was parked on the street, drove his car to the grocery store and by good fortune the same spot was available when he returned. He got a ticket. Based on this excerpt from the city code it is truly possible this happened but he since he had left and returned so his 72 hours should have started over even if he got the same spot. Secondly if there is going to be a 72 hour limit there should be signs posted so people know there is a time limit. There are signs posted for shorter periods on North Hampton so there should be 72 hour signs. Not to embarrass the City or one of your parking enforcement officers when I asked him about the law he said 'everyone who parks in Alexandria should know the law'. I didn't know how to respond to such a stupid answer! It would be the same situation if the city has a law stating the speed limit on all side streets was 25 mph and therefore didn't post speed limit signs and gave a ticket to someone because since they were driving through Alexandria they should know the city laws. If it was a state law and in the state drivers test study manual that would be different but local laws are not a required knowledge for a state driver's license.</p>

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<p>Claudia Campbell</p>	<p>In our neighborhood, there is only on street parking for residents and visitors. Having a limit on parking would discriminate against retired people and people who work from home.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I live on a cul de sac that is frequently used to leave cars for more that 72 hours. People think they can leave their cars on my cul de sac for extended periods and not be ticketed. I call parking enforcement and police frequently about these cars. Many do not have alexandria stickers or VA plates. This rule is helpful in getting the cars to be moved.</p>
<p>thomas Moser</p>	<p>Parking for residents with valid stickers should be unlimited to accommodate travel etc. Using postings to clear a street for parades etc (our area) is fine.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I believe the problem is not so much the 72 hour rule or its enforcement but more so that some residents own a lot of cars, some residents don't use their driveways and street park instead, and some use city parking as a means of storage for their vehicles for months at a time. Some residents have more vehicles than drivers in their households. Regarding this multiple car issue, I think the city registration fees should be much higher, very steep in fact, than they currently are to discourage people from using the city streets to park long-term and instead keep vehicles in their driveways or put them in storage somewhere else. I also think there could be better enforcement with regard to long-term offenders.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I haave 3 cars and two "designated parking spaces" in the Quaker Hill Community. Since I spend \$30 on a parking pass, I should be able to keep my car on the street. I do see how I could annoy a neighbor by taking a spot in front of his house on a long term basis. Perhaps two weeks with an exception provided if I apply for an extended "pass" if traveling.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>There should only be one car per household allowed to park for 72 hours. Some households have three!!</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I think "Repeal the ordinance and use signage such as posted weekly street sweeping to encourage vehicle turnover" sounds fine (it's essentially what DC does) fair to all folks, & easier to police. But I also think -- as long as they are infrequent (a low yearly limit per person?) -- temporary permits to accommodate travel would have been such a helpful thing to folks who don't have street parking...& I just don't see how you support a weekly street sweeping if you are going to allow temporary travel permits ("we'll only sweep completely clean a street when no one is away travelling that week" obviously isn't going to work).</p> <p>For this question to be answered best, you might also give information on street cleaning rules as they stand now -- how & how often do streets get cleaned in Alex. with the 72-hour rule ordinance? Has street cleaning presented a problem too? (again, I lived in DC for a long time, so weekly street cleaning had to be a norm there. Here, we moved to a home with off-street parking & are relatively new, so I am less familiar)</p> <p>Without more information re cleaning & if temp. Permits could actually work w/ that (I think not), I think fairness to all & easier policing are the most important: switch to weekly street cleaning, ticket & tow those who haven't moved on cleaning day, & folks who travel will need to either get someone to move their car for them or park it somewhere private for the duration. It works in bigger cities than this, it should do away w/ neighbor in-fighting if it is enforced once a week, & enforcement sounds a lot simpler than keeping track of how long each car has been parked in each spot.</p>
<p>Matthew Stensrud</p>	<p>I suggest keeping the rule to encourage turnover and ensure apartment parkers with available parking of their own do not abuse street parking that prevents people in true need of spaces to use street parking.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Right now the 72 hour ordinance is mainly being used a tool to punish neighbors. Repeal it and instead use other tools to remove abandoned vehicles. If there must be an abandoned threshold it should be 30 days.</p>

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Name not available	When I had to leave for an emergency trip to be with my Father who had become ill, this ordinance was a huge worry for me. As it turned out I was gone more than 2 weeks and had to burden my neighbor to move my vehicle.
Name not shown	The City needs to check for parking violations at night and weekends. Cars are parked in no parking areas, fire hydrants, bus stops, over yellow lines. All these parking violations are between Taney and Four Mile Run.
Lee Perna	<p>As an example, the 400 block of LaVerne Avenue has houses without offstreet parking. Despite having a parking permit for the zone, residents there who work locally and walk to work have gotten parking tickets under the 72 hour rule. They must unnecessarily drive their car and repark somewhere nearby during the work week, and they have no options for vacations and trips over three days. The City is effectively punishing them for biking to work instead of driving and creating an impossible situation when they want to go on vacation. This rule serves no purpose. It takes more than 72 hours to identify and more than ticketing to deal with abandoned cars, and anyone with a valid city tax and/or parking sticker should have the right to park in the street for as long as they want.</p>
Name not shown	<p>So we live in a city. Outside of downtown most residents don't care and accept the fact that on-street parking is first-come-first-served. Fighting with neighbors over parking is a person-to-person issue; not something that should be taking up city resources.</p>
Name not shown	<p>It's absurd for our "Eco City" to force people to drive unnecessarily. In practice, the rule is used by people like my former neighbor who seems to think she owns the space in front of her house. Actual abandoned cars can be identified by other criteria like expired tags, tax stickers, and inspection stickers; broken glass; flat tires; and excessive dirt.</p> <p>The last thing we need, though, is yet another bureaucratic permit system for extended parking.</p>
Name not available	I live on Crest St and do not have a driveway. I did report a car parked once, as it was there for over a week, and it seemed that someone was using our street as their vacation parking spot. It is important to me to be able to park in front of my house for convenience.

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Name not available	The rule discourages use of public transport. That is the opposite of what the city wants to do.
Name not shown	This rule is awful for some of us in the west end where street parking is the only option
Karen Toth	I own a home with no alley access or driveway, and pay for a permit to park. I do not drive to work, and my car is frequently left untouched for ~3 days on the street in front of my house. I also travel, and have no off-street parking options for longer periods. Stricter enforcement of this rule would be wholly unfair, as I have already paid for the "privilege" of parking in a residential area near my home. Particularly since public transit is being encouraged in lieu of driving, I encourage reconsideration of this law to make it easier for permit-paying residents to make use of the parking for which we have paid.
Name not shown	The 72-hour rule can be amended with an exception for a property owner to park long term 1 (ONE) vehicle on the public right-of-way space that is adjacent to the property's boundary. This is a common-sense approach, affording (but not reserving) the property owner with 1 (ONE) long term parking space. This exception should not be applied to trailers, boats and other oversize vehicles.
Name not available	I can see that the 72-hour rule would be a problem for people with cars but no place to park at home, but not having it could tie up all street parking so that no short-term visitors can find parking. Any registration system should not include anything posted on the vehicle, because that would be a welcome sign for people who might vandalize or steal the car.
Name not available	No
Name not shown	Most ridiculous rule ever. What the hell am I supposed to do when I travel? "Year round" street cleaning makes that hard enough. I'm not privileged enough to afford property in Old Town with parking...
Name not shown	The 72 hour rule helps keep the neighborhoods free from abandoned or broken down vehicles. It also helps keep vacationers from leaving their vehicles in neighborhoods close to the Metro.

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Trish Nicholson	It's outdated for a culture in which most people work outside the home and many commute by Metro -- and in a city where garages are not the norm.
Name not available	This appears to be a solution in search of a problem. I would appreciate taking a look at other potentially outdated laws.
Name not shown	I am strongly against using street sweeping as an enforcement mechanism for parking.
Name not shown	If the city is going to sweep the streets of OT once a week they had better budget to sweep the streets of the entire city once a week. Please don't do this.
Name not shown	Extend time to two weeks.
Name not available	Good to have a rule if a car becomes abandoned, an eyesore, or a nuisance. Bad if a normal car needs to park for a week due to a business trip. I live on a street with very little off-street parking. When I travel, my car does not move. Thankfully no neighbors have complained. How about sending me a text message if I need to move my car, and giving me three days to do so with an option to extend.
patrice linehan	Is it possible for the City to contact the owner of the vehicle to find out why it has been parked in one location for 72 hours? Thank you.
Name not available	Enforce it more actively. We have far too many vehicles that park on our street as a parking lot. We have to call every single time when they are here 48,60 hours at a time.
Name not shown	I think it is good especially in areas where parking is tight, but actual residents shouldn't be forced to do extra steps to keep non-resident from bogarting parking.

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<p>Courtney Bailey</p>	<p>After living in DC for 15 years and now an Alexandria resident, people should be able to park in their neighborhoods. In DC, most residents are required to get zone stickers that entitle them to long term parking in their neighborhood. Cars without a zone sticker are limited to a few hours parking. DC also has the option to get a temporary zone sticker that will allow you to park if you are visiting or a temporary resident (such as an intern). I have off-street parking so the rule doesn't affect me, but my street has parking only on one side. When the Audi dealership was here, we had cars from the dealership parked on our street and taking parking from the townhouse residents. A zone sticker would address that issue and ensured that my neighbors were able to park on our street.</p>
<p>Shane Andersen</p>	<p>It's a good idea, but with so many residences without driveways or garages, street parking is the answer, and there are of course times when residents leave their cars in the streets for longer than 72 hours. I would suggest that the Parking enforcement folks when running license plates note that the car parked longer than 72 hours is close to the registered residence, they simply not ticket the car. If a car is not from the area, there is a greater likelihood the car is abandoned-- and those cars can be ticketed and/or removed.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>72-rule is contradictory to (or at least does not support) the push for using public transportation and/or alternative transit options, including teleworking or work-from-home jobs. People should be encouraged to leave their car at home / not drive, which may mean leaving it parked on a City street for several consecutive days. In addition, many people have to travel for work (sometimes without much notice); they should not have to worry about whether their car is parked too long on the street or might be ticketed. Where street parking is the only option, people should know they have to deal with finding parking -- that's part of 'life in the city'. Residential decals (with time limits for others) and street cleaning days do help free up spaces.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Yes I do, I'm retired and my wife still works. Living in Del Ray I can walk to the grocery store, dry cleaners and the convenient restaurants here. I do move my car maybe three times a week and usually get my parking spot back because my neighbors are still working, so I can understand why my neighbor comes home in the evening and sees my car parked in the same spot and believes that it hasn't been moved, when I moved it earlier to pick up something not close by. That's why you need to contact the owner of the car first or chalk the tires before the ticket is issued, why wait till I get to court just to show the judge my receipt from a store that I went to earlier that day when the ticket was issued, that just waste court time and ties up the process. Get rid of the law and go after the invalid stickers that could be on the car in question.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Without the 72 hour ordinance our parking will be harder to find and unwanted vehicles will be more common in neighborhoods. A system that residents can use to register a car while on vacation or a trip would be the most appropriate solution to this problem.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>A balance has to be found. We've had a few cases of abandoned cars in our neighborhood (Parkfairfax), probably due to our proximity to 395, but these were obviously not owned by residents or visitors and so we called these in. I've used public transportation for years and I only drive on weekends, and that's just for a few errands and I usually return to the same parking spot. The 72-hour rule potentially punishes me for not using my car more frequently. Seems to me that we should be trying to reduce congestion and CO2 emissions and not worrying about parking spot turf issues. Repeal the ordinance.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Without any restrictions our neighborhood would have numerous abandoned cars. Just today, a car that had been parked for months was finally towed.</p>

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Name not shown	72 hour rule should be maintained but not extended in areas where the city has not yet established necessary parking districts. In Potomac Yard parking is already being impacted with daily commuters catching the metroway bus and travelers going to the airport for many days at a time. PLEASE proactively establish a parking district in PY, as requested by residents multiple times, ahead of the metro station opening and before retail moves in. It is a known fact that parking WILL become an impossible problem in areas near a subway or retail.
Name not shown	The rule may be modified to accommodate owners without private parking spaces; however, the rule should not be repealed outright as it will implicitly convey a right for the public to use the public right-of-way. It will also be politically difficult to implement the rule again in the future, should repealing the rule have negative unintended consequences. For example, on South Reynolds St between Duke Street and Edsall Road, on-street parking is at a premium. If the rule is repealed many people will park their vehicles indefinitely. Parking space squatting will ensue, a hoarding effect due to scarcity of resources. Everyone will then have a difficult time finding an empty space.
Name not available	Hope it gets repealed
Frank Pisch	Every week I travel by air for business and the current rule is a burden.
Name not available	No, but I like the coin system above.
Name not shown	We need more law & order in Alexandria

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I notice there is a lot of support for creating a system to register to park for over 72 hours. That seems unduly burdensome. In my neighborhood (Warwick Village in Del Ray) we don't have garages and instead all use street parking. This means if we travel we are likely in violation of this ordinance but our neighbors with homes with driveways or garages are not, nor are they required to potentially notify the City that they intend to leave their car in place for over 72 hours. The ordinance disproportionately impacts people based on economic status, which is also linked closely with racial identity.</p> <p>We live in a small community with lots of shared space. As members of the community we need to be able to get along and work together. The police or other city employees should not waste time and energy mediating parking disputes between neighbors.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Cars can easily be matched to addresses. If a car is registered to a local address, you have no business enforcing the 72 hour limit. If you want to expand the city registration system so there is no mistaking a car that belongs in the neighborhood as opposed to an abandoned car, fine, just don't charge extra for it. I live in Zone 7, a place where neighbors often use metro and leave their cars for extended periods. We also get a lot of non-residents (no sticker) parking for extended times with no enforcement. Parking in my neighborhood (little off street parking) is hard enough. If I can't go on vacation for a week without worrying about 72 hour rule, then I really have no option. I know you are desperately trying to rid the city of cars, but please leave the tax paying residents in peace.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The city has created the parking dilemma by not creating appropriate residential parking ROE for developers especially multi-family housing sites, hotels and restaurants. Moreover, the increased demand caused by tourism and a general lack of adequate public parking facilities throughout the city's high parking demand areas such as Old Town.</p>

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<p>Hayes Lewis</p>	<p>Please consider modifying the space ratio rules that apply to building off-street parking. This is a positive, non-punitive solution. The laws currently DISCOURAGE building off-street parking and make the situation worse. Please don't tell me that's "another issue" or "another department". There is a reason all the CITY offices are in the same HALL. The solution is to ENCOURAGE the building of off-street parking by single family home owners. Right now we count a parking spot against the space ratio. Not only should we not count parking spaces as non-open space, but any building that a car can be parked in, such as a garage, should be counted as open space. At the very least increase the space ratio in the NW quadrant to the 1.25 in the SW quadrant in the interest of equity. We need positive, helpful, and non-punitive solutions.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The 72 hour rule should not apply to formally declared disabled residents with permits who have gone through the process with the city and received a parking space proximal to their home.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>We have had to report non-residents abandoning or parking suspicious/stolen cars on our already very crowded small street at least twice in the past couple of months, so this problem is real, and the rule is needed. However, the rule as is unnecessarily harms residents who don't have driveways on our street and who need and frankly deserve the parking. They pay property tax here and therefore deserve the parking. Those with no need to be on the street should not be here. The law is needed but discriminates against residents. Easy fix is to issue a resident sticker so that residents can park with an exemption to this rule. But please don't abolish the rule or we will have an increase of riff-raff abandoning even more unauthorized vehicles on our peaceful street.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I have violated it while on vacation after calling the police for advice on where I could legally park and they did not have a solution for me. This would be less on an issue if there were long term/ overnight Parkin garages in the city for this purpose.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I think the parking should be limited solely to residents. Apply the parking rules to non-residents. It seems ridiculous if I take the metro to and from work that I am punished for not moving my car.</p>
<p>Timothy Hedrick</p>	<p>As a former local police officer who often received complaints about derelict/abandoned autos, I can confidently say that such problems can be addressed without a restriction as draconian as 72 hours. The reality is people travel for work, they travel for holidays, they get ill and end up in the hospital for a week or two. Single people who don't have driveways or garages are just stuck in such situations. A limitation of ten days, or even at least a week, is a far more reasonable limit to impose to address cars that are abandoned, disabled, or simply being warehoused in one spot. Plus it eliminates or drastically reduces the police being tied up with complaints stemming from petty neighbor disputes over street parking. 72 hours is simply unreasonably short and a waste of police resources to enforce.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I commute to work via Metro. Until recently I lived in a townhouse in Old Town where I did not have off street parking. Since I regularly commute via Metro, there are many weeks when I do not need to drive my car from Monday to Friday. Whenever my car was not parked immediately in front of my home, I had to worry that one of my neighbors would call the city about the 72 hour rule. Also, often my neighbors would call the city as soon as I parked in front of their home, they would not wait 72 hours. I would have to keep an eye on my car and would change parking spaces mid-week. This resulted in additional driving, additional car-related emissions, and aggravation as a resident. Over time I also developed awareness of which neighbors were particularly aggressive on using the 72 hour rule. This certainly does not promote a sense of community. I recommend full repeal of the ordinance.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>As a resident, taxpayer, and purchaser of my "zone" sticker, you should never have the right to cite me. I work out of my house, and periodically travel in excess of 72 hours. I should not be burdened with notifying the city, or my neighbors, when I travel. I had a neighbor call once when my car had actually been in the Dulles parking lot for 3 days, and had only been parked on the street for 2 days upon my return, but since it was in a "similar" spot, now I have an issue because a neighbor believes "this one spot" on the entire street is the reason they might have had difficulty parking. It's absurd and these neighbors have too much free time on their hands if they have time to count cars all day long. This is a ridiculous rule. I'd suggest if a resident does not like the "occasional" (and it is occasional, not constant) challenge of street parking, perhaps a quiet neighborhood in the country is a better fit? That being said, if the city is going to go to the trouble of assuming that every neighbor that calls is telling the truth, it is a flawed system. How about giving the "accused" home owner, or renter, a chance to tell you they are on business in California? It will be no surprise to me, however, if the city elects to attempt to try and provide more regulation and restriction on the residents of Alexandria. If you elect to install a system where a resident can notify you of travel, it should NOT involve a trip to city hall to get a pass and must be easily conducted on-line. I assume the city and your traffic personnel have a computer system that could support this. Thankfully, as a general rule, we are now moving back towards less regulation in government.</p>
<p>Nancy Thorpe</p>	<p>I pay city taxes, stickers and parking sticker fees and want to be able to park on my own street.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I think that exceptions should be made for residents who need to park their vehicles long term.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>We need this rule enforced ! Street sweeping is good as well..</p>

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Lindsay Visser	Some type of online registering for prolonged parking privileges would be ideal. As a military service member, I sometimes am called out of town unexpectedly and for an unknown period of time. The stress of not knowing if I'll be coming home to my car, parked 10 feet from my front door, littered in parking citations is unnecessary. Generally I let a neighbor know that I'll be gone and they keep an eye out for me, but we all have or have had that neighbor who sits and waits for the 72 hour period to be up. Thanks for the forum on this topic!
Name not shown	Residents in many areas of Alexandria are assessed an annual fee in order to park on the street for more than 2 or 3 hours. In other areas it would seem reasonable to allow city residents to have extended parking privileges, but require commuters from other jurisdictions to observe the 72-hour rule.
Name not shown	If a registration system was implemented it would have to be on a case by case basis which would be prohibitively bureaucratic. The streets are a shared public utility and everyone should have equal access to them. No single person should be able to monopolize a space.
David Stoker	Should not be city wide, should be zone based in problem areas. Should facilitate communication not enable neighbor bickering and release the police of the burden of checking. System could be neighbor logs a complaint on alexandria.gov providing license plate and dated pictures of length of time (they have the motivation to do it), system sends email to car owner giving them a chance to move car or indicate when car will be moved. Auto email back with date of anticipated move. (don't enable comments for neighbors to insult each other).
Name not available	This is pro sing home owner/renter and anti apartment renter. This rule may come into use when owners without garages could not get the apartment owners banned from parking on the street.
Name not available	It was incredibly inconvenient when I used public transportation to commute, yet had to relocate my vehicle periodically. Now that I travel frequently, it is impossible to comply and move the car. I'm really desperate for a solution.

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<p>Amy Vander Vliet</p>	<p>I am a member of a two-person, two-vehicle household that rents an apartment without dedicated parking. Between travel and transit usage, one of our vehicles is often used infrequently and may only be driven (and therefore removed from public street parking) once a week. We are conscientious about obeying emergency parking signs and scooping our spot out when it snows, but we could easily fall victim to the 72-hour rule unless we drive a vehicle for no other reason than to switch parking spots. We live in a mixed residential area of south Old Town and haven't had any trouble with our neighbors about the 72-hour rule so far. That said, an update to the ordinance that brings us out of legal limbo would be a better solution.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Vehicles with obvious signs of abandonment, such as expired licenses, flat tires, etc., should be notified via written notice on the vehicle that the owner has 48 hours to remove the vehicle. Non-compliance should justify removal and impoundment.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>As the City increases in density, we do need ways to ensure that street parking is used as efficiently as possible, while still leaving space for people to easily drive into and out of driveways. I think we need a way to identify abandoned vehicles, but cars are not "abandoned" after 72 hours. Many of us go out of town for longer periods than that, and quite frequently, so it would be a real inconvenience to have to register a vehicle every time we go on a business trip. So periods longer than 72 hours would be helpful.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I travel frequently for work and have two cars (a work car and a personal car). Since I am only allowed one car in my apartment's parking lot, I depend on street parking for my personal car. While many of my business trips require use of my work car (so I am able to park my personal car in the apartment lot when I am traveling), I do fly semi-regularly for 3-7 days at a time which means that I am leaving both cars in Alexandria. My work car will be parked in the apartment lot and my personal car is on the street. I get nervous about the 72 hour rule because I am unable to move my car when I am across the country in California.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I work from home and travel frequently and do not need to move my car for over 72 hours. I live in a single family home neighborhood so it is typically not a problem, but I'm not sure how this ordinance helps in my neighborhood.</p>

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Name not shown	All residential streets should become zoned parking with time limits for non-zone vehicles. This could be tied in with the 72-hour rule by having an online system to register vehicles for zoned parking as well as for parking over 72 hours.
Name not available	Residents of the city should be able to park in front of their houses for as long as they choose.
Kelli Rogowski	The 72 hour rule no longer applies to me at my current apartment, but previously, I lived in Old Town and hated this policy. I owned a car, but used metro for work, and it was a hassle to move it constantly- not even factoring in a trip that could conceivably have taken me out of the area for longer than the allotted 72 hours.
Julie Lineberry	Maybe this penalize those poor citizens who actually use public transportation or have succumbed to the rent a bike campaign.
Name not available	72 hours isn't a lot of time for people who use public transportation every day. I think it should be extended, maybe to 4 days (too much time also causes problems).
Name not available	I understand this IS an issue for Old Town residents BUT parking is so expensive (especially for those retired or on limited incomes) I fairly come to Old Town except for church functions at St. Paul's where, since I am handicapped, I usually can find a space near the church. I do not shop in Old Town due to parking but do shop in Del Ray and have rarely had a parking problem. If you want to encourage more business stop building hotels and put your money into FREE Parking!
Name not shown	In the denser portions of the City, the 72 hour rule is necessary to ensure that residents have access to parking near their residences. In some neighbors, i.e., mine, the Westover section, are susceptible to parking abuses by non-residents using the neighborhood for metro access and as a "satellite" parking area for National Airport. Certainly, residents of individual neighborhoods should have the opportunity to park for longer than 72 hours. But, the City should have measures to prohibit/sanction non-residents for using residential streets for long-term parking. Additionally, there might be a legitimate need to police truly abandoned vehicles that should be preserved.

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I believe that residents paying for a City sticker and paying their vehicle personal property tax should be allowed to park on City streets as long as they wish, barring other street-specific regulations indicated via signage. My driveway can accommodate only 1 vehicle, forcing my daughter to park on the street in front of our home. We try to use public transportation, bicycles or our legs to get around most of the time, so there are often periods exceeding 72 hours where my daughter may not use her vehicle. Even when she does, she tends to park it back in the same spot, so how would anyone know that it had been moved? I understand the rule is only enforced via complaint, and it's important to have a method to eliminate abandoned vehicles, but I don't think a rule should be on the books that technically puts many non-abandoned vehicles in violation. Please consider changing the rule as follows: Use the 72-hour rule for vehicles WITHOUT a valid Alexandria City sticker; allow residents to purchase a low-cost guest pass for a non-City vehicle visiting a resident for more than 72 hours; and allow vehicles WITH a valid Alexandria City sticker to park for up to 30 days. If a City-stickered vehicle has truly been abandoned, I think 30 days is still a narrow-enough window to get it ticketed and towed off the streets without becoming too much of a nuisance.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The rule is far too short due to the need to park while on vacation. However, something needs to be done to prevent people from storing their unused cars in front of other people's houses for months on end.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>This is not just an abandoned vehicle issue! We have a group of people that leave "weekend" cars on the street and they never move them. They end up using their daily cars and their special weekend cars deny other people and their guests limited parking opportunities.</p>

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The 72 hour parking rule runs counter to efforts to encourage use of public transportation or ca-pooling. While I need a car on the weekends due to the inconvenient public transportation schedules, I rarely drive my car during the week or if I do, chances are i park in the exact same place I left. Living in ParkFairfax, we all park on the street. There should be a system to register to park your vehicle if you have no way to move it after 72 hours. Fortunately, we recognize our neighbors' cars and do not call the police on each other. We have called when a car has been there for more than week.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I think it makes sense to prevent commuter parking, abandoned vehicles and other abuse of residential streets. However, it is an unfair burden to residents like myself who do not use my car daily and sometimes travel for more than 3 days at a time. It should be amended to ensure that I am not punished for parking my vehicle in front of my house and then using public transportation for work.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>If we have a City of Alexandria registration, there should be no limits. Please have the police spend time protecting us from crime and not petty neighbor disputes.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I was not aware of the rule. I have travelled for work longer than 72-hours, but did not receive a ticket. For those who do not have residential parking near their home they should be able to park indefinitely. Some of us have a car and a motorcycle and park both off street.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>It should be repealed. The expensive housing in this area requires everyone to have a job, many of us have high-profile jobs that require travel, and by fining us at every turn, it will only create animosity towards our neighbors and towards the city.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I've only seen it used in a nasty way when one neighbor wanted to strike out at another neighbor. We have no limited parking on our street (400 block of East Alexandria) and we use the street with no problem at all (except above). I'd say there is no need for this 72 hour rule.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I think there should be a way for a tax paying land owner in the City to park their car for more than 72 hours for the reasons stated above (or infirmity/disability/inconvenience/weather/etc). Whether this is a special permit or a temporary dashboard pass or some sort of hotline that someone can report into, I'm not sure the proper mechanism, but the ability to do so would be handy.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Currently, I rarely need to park on the street, since my apartment building has a resident parking lot. However, the parking lot isn't big enough to accommodate all tenants who have cars. On some occasions, I have had to park on the street, but I've been lucky enough so far that I was able to move my car when needed. I support the repeal of the parking rule because it seems to penalize tax-paying residents who may find themselves unable to move their cars - because of travel, or illness, or other reasons. I understand the need to remove cars that have completely been abandoned. But I don't think it's necessary to penalize residents who simply need a place to park their cars. I am thinking of moving to a new apartment soon, and I would consider leaving the city of Alexandria if parking were to be a potential problem for me -- it wouldn't be worth the stress to have to deal with this rule all the time.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Good rules require ample notice and reasonable enforcement. I'm more concerned with cars parked in my neighborhood without proper street parking decals.</p>
<p>Sara Brady</p>	<p>The City has invested in making sidewalks and intersections more walkable, which is a great goal as walking and using public transit are beneficial for the the environment and residents' health. The 72-hour rule has the effect of encouraging more driving rather than more walking, which wastes fuel. I would like to see a system where City residents can park their registered vehicles near their homes for as long as they like without penalty if they don't move the car. A city sticker or placard hanging from the rearview mirror might be a good option.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Again, I feel we would have more resident parking if parking enforcement was more diligent about ticketing cars without stickers that park in our neighborhood all day. I have seen many people get out of their cars and walk into town with a briefcase, or get on a bike share bike. Their cars end up being on the street all day 5-8+hours. I never see parking enforcement ticket these cars, even when called</p>

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<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I think the best compromise will be to create a system where residents can register their car. That way, those who feel the 72 hour rule is still necessary feel like they haven't lost anything and those that live here yet travel and need to leave their car parked for extended periods of time can do so. If someone calls the car in, instead of dispatching an officer and using resources, they can merely check the system on the spot and respond to the complaint.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Traveling for work and vacation was worrisome. I was gone for a full week and had to hope no neighbors would mind my car being in one spot the whole time enough to report it.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I was unable to type in the spaces above. I would support extending the 72 hour rule. I live in Alexandria and sometimes travel for work or take vacations where I am not driving. It is a financial imposition to have to hire someone to move my car during my absence. Perhaps, if a compromise is required, owners of cars would have to be moved every 30 days or registered if they are going to be on the street more than 30 days. I have two elderly neighbors and they are retired. They do not drive in the snow and ice in the winter and it is an imposition for them to have to move their cars every 72 hours.</p>
<p>Hope Nelson</p>	<p>Frankly, I've always felt it's ridiculous to force residents to move their cars every 72 ours when said cars are parked directly in front of their homes. This doesn't allow for vacations; accommodate those who have elected to take city transportation or bicycling instead of driving; or serve as a fair trade for those parking stickers we must pay for that apparently don't afford us the ability to park in our own zone for more than a little while at a clip.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Two main comments. First, in a city where we heavily promote and have pride in the use of bikes, walking, and public transportation, it can be a real burden on (and a bit of mixed messages for) residents who have reduced their car use but still need a car, and who also may not have a driveway or lot to park in. Second, we're in the D.C. area and have a large population of government, corporate, and association employees who do a lot of traveling, and thus may be away overseas or at conferences for longer than 72 hours at a time. It's definitely time to repeal or modify the ordinance, and I appreciate the City for considering doing so.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I'm only aware of it because it caused a problem in our general neighborhood area (not our street). We were surprised and upset to hear about it. It would be understandable on major throughfares but it seems so unnecessary and potentially conflict-inducing in the great majority of residential neighborhoods. Anyone who has more cars than garage space (which around us is just about everyone) is likely to violate it at some point. Moreover, if there is a problem, almost by definition it would happen when they were away and unable to do anything about it, which seems particularly problematic. In general, vehicle-related laws that are not generally enforced, but only enforced via neighbors' complaints, seem like a bad idea.</p>
<p>Susan Cooper</p>	<p>I just worry that often I park in the same place in front of my house... I can't be sure that this will be taken into account. It is also difficult when neighbors have 4-5 cars.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Cars parked on the street with no Alexandria tax sticker and/or out of state plates do not deserve the benefit of 72 hours. 24-48 hours, tops.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I would think that people who buy a home in an area with no drive way or parking garage would also know parking may be a hard thing to come by. I did not know this rule existed, seems like a way to make bad neighbors.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I live in the new development of Potomac Yards. People in our neighborhood frequently see people (especially from Maryland) come park their cars on our streets, pull their luggage out and hop in a cab leaving their cars for days or more than a week at a time. We assume these people are taking advantage of our proximity to the airport and avoiding airport parking fees by parking in our neighborhood. It would be very useful for us to have residential parking stickers so the police could immediately ticket violators. I have no problem with valid residents parking for >72hrs on the street.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I believe this rule is unevenly enforced throughout the City. I see it enforced in Old Town but never, ever enforced in my own West End neighborhood. I believe if the owner is paying the City personal property taxes (decal on the windshield) that no fine is fair.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>We checked our vehicle every day, even when we were not driving it. A warning notification was NOT left on our vehicle. When it was towed, we were informed that the city was not required to leave the warning ticket before towing. We noticed it missing the same afternoon, and retrieved it the same day. The towing fees came to a total of \$300!! In addition, the undercarriage of the car was damaged while being towed, at a repair cost of \$175. So, almost \$500 cost to us. There could not possibly be an argument that the car was thought to be abandoned...we had just put the new city tax sticker and parking decals on it the prior week! This rule goes against all of the other initiatives to encourage people to use public transportation.</p> <p>This rule makes it possible for people to harass neighbors. If they see that a neighbor is leaving for vacation, for example, they can immediately report the neighbor's car(s) for violating the 72-hour rule. In our case, we picked the car up the same day and the fees totaled \$300! If the car were towed while you were away on vacation or business, the fees would include daily storage fees and it could be a huge bill.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I am a stay-at home parent with an infant and small child and am forced to park on the street. My husband works from home, so we don't take the car out every day. Often I cannot find parking remotely near my home, and must carry children and groceries to and fro. It would be helpful and often safer to have permit only parking on a short stretch in front of the building. Thank you for considering this and for requesting feedback on this measure.</p>
<p>Michael Reed</p>	<p>I am not affected by the 72-hour rule as I have off-street parking, but it seems very unfair to those residents who must park on a public street. At the very least there should be some mechanism to accomodate residents who are away for several days. Cannot the parking control officers determine when a vehicle has really been abandoned rather than just not having been moved for a few days?</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Laws that aren't (consistently) enforced shouldn't be laws, in my opinion. They allow for selective enforcement which can lead to a myriad of issues.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>If Parking Enforcement concentrated on citing cars without district stickers parked in district controlled areas some of the daytime parking congestion would be alleviated. I surmise people from outside of the city park in our neighborhood all day with impunity. And, the city should expand visitor parking, especially for workers who need to park all day and have no place to do so. Businesses might be interested in paying a fee in new city lot so the workers have a place to park.</p>
<p>Verenda Camire</p>	<p>Wouldn't it be simplest just to allow residents the chance to go online and invalidate a ticket if it's on their car within a few blocks of their residence? I've used the 72-hour rule many times when the street was clogged with long-term airport parkers and have spotted abandoned and stolen cars as well. A neighbor who wants to be an irritant will find some way to be an irritant no matter how often you change the laws. This one serves a purpose. Make it easier for those inadvertently caught in its web to exit painlessly.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>My neighbor, with 3 cars and 2 drivers, allows one of his cars to sit for days in Zone 6, taking up more than his fair share of available street parking. His (illegal) renter has one car parked mostly in the alley behind his house (no Zone 6 sticker), but sometimes on the street overnight. I'd rather you look into a rule limiting the number of cars that any single residence can have registered to an address.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Two issues I see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - current law discourages people from leaving their cars and taking mass transit to/from work all week. - I've seen many park on my street and call a taxi to airport, leaving their car for a week or more, saving on airport parking at our parking expense.
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>72 hours is way too low. I'd rather the limit be a week and to have it enforced more regularly. Some people never seem to move their cars from the street. A week is plenty - if they can't move the car in that amount of time then they need to find a permanent off-street place.</p>

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>If the 72 hour rule were uniformly enforced I would be a regular violator, because we maintain a home office and there are stretches of time where our car parked on the street in front of our house does not move because we need only one car at times to go about our lives. There's plenty of street parking available on my street, and it seems to me folks are generally aware of the cars that park on their street on a regular basis. If a random vehicle were parked on the street for an extended period of time and seemed to be abandoned, it's only common sense to call the non-emergency number and have the police investigate whether the car is reported stolen. I have no interest in reporting my neighbors for leaving their cars in the same spot for extended periods of time if they need to.</p>
<p>Phil Savarie</p>	<p>our Del Ray neighborhood has used this ordinance to convince Airport commuters from long term parking on our street but not for our own neighbors.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>As a frequent traveler, this rule has caused me great stress. I believe creating a system in which residents can register to park is the most fair for everyone involved including those reporting violations, those who travel, and the city for monitoring and removing abandoned vehicles.</p>
<p>Elizabeth Gossart</p>	<p>A note from the officer's first contact allows us time to move the vehicle. I rarely use my car during the week but I do check to make sure no emergency signs have gone up. If the officer could leave a note and then allow 72 hours I would have time to move it if my vehicle is bothering someone.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>The city needs to be less strict on parking - they keep eliminating it where it's most needed! It is very irritating and bad for the city's businesses.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>Why not just change it to a week or 2 weeks. Are there that many abandoned cars that we need to be concerned about?</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>The current 72 hour rule seems to work fine on the 300 S. Fairfax block. My car has never been reported or ticketed and the parking people seem to know which cars belong to residents of the block. A friend on Lee St. has had a different experience with a difficult neighbor reporting her car because it was in front of their house.</p>

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Name not available	Enforcement for abandoned or derelict vehicles can be accomplished by other means. I own three vehicles and have a driveway for only one of them. One of the three vehicles is a work-related vehicle. The vehicles are not abandoned, but do have varying frequency of use/being moved. As a homeowner I feel that anyone should have the right to park for an extended period of time by their property, without getting a ticket. Enforcement for truly abandoned or derelict vehicles can and should be accomplished by other means/ordinance/enforcement tools.
Vineeta Anand	The rule harms residents who don't have off-street parking and commute to work by public transportation.
Name not available	I believe a rule that limits parking on Alexandria public streets should only be administered in zones that actually need it. Create rules only where they are needed not in areas that restrict freedoms for others in areas where they are unneeded.
Name not shown	My mother is 84, and has a car that she drives, but not often. The 72-hour rule penalizes the elderly who need the mobility of car ownership, but don't drive it often.
Name not shown	<p>I can see the logic in wanting to identify abandoned vehicles, and increasing turnover in some of the busier areas (like King st), but for the more urban residential neighborhoods it just doesn't make sense. Not having a car at all is not practical for everyone (errands, family needs, access to non-metro accessible businesses, etc. And since we don't have driveways, so must park on the streets but needing to move it every 3 days just encourages driving rather than using public transportation even when it is a viable option (increasing traffic).</p> <p>In our neighborhood (Westover), parking availability is never a problem. (Typically, even if you drive everyday, you can come back to park in the exact same spot.) But I can see how there would be other neighborhoods where parking is more limited and cars left long-term might be a problem. So perhaps a more case-by-case rule/parking zones is needed.</p>
Name not shown	If the city creates a system for registration of vehicles, this should be at NO cost to residents and should simply serve as a mark of a resident's car.

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I have reported a car for violating the 72-hour rule, but only once it had been on the street, apparently abandoned, for many weeks, if not months. I would never report a neighbor for leaving their car parked in the same spot for three days.</p> <p>My understanding has always been that the 72-hour rule also assists in enforcing temporary reserved parking restrictions, as the signs also go up approximately that far in advance. People can't claim they didn't see the parking restrictions if they were abiding by the 72-hour rule. I think this is the biggest benefit of the rule, and temporary parking restrictions are what I am most concerned about when I leave town for more than three days.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Alexandria cannot - should not - eliminate the 72-hour rule entirely. There are too many parking "hogs" in neighborhoods like Fairlington Towne, Parkfairfax, etc. that need the turn-over. Also, there are problems with abandoned vehicles, that would otherwise go unnoticed/unaddressed. That said, there needs to be some flexibility for residents who go on extended vacation or travel so they can get an extension beyond 72-hours. Some sort of a parking pass to put in their window to show that they are allowed to stay.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>It is a good rule but rarely enforced.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I have use this ordinance in the past to report abandoned vehicles and vehicles improperly parked for extended periods of time and making it inconvenient for other residents.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I travel frequently from 10 days to 3 weeks at a time and find the rule quite stressful. I worry that someone in my neighborhood will not recognize my car and report it, or that the PD will enforce the rule. It's gotten to the point where I drive to a friend's house and park there while away, a process that adds to the stress of preparing to go.</p>

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	<p>The system works fine as is.</p> <p>What's needed more than meddling with this 72 hour rule is a non-judicial parking adjudication system so relief can be granted when parking tickets are unfairly rendered.</p> <p>Jimm Roberts</p> <p>However, if you have to meddle, then grant residents parking passes based on the taxes they pay.</p> <p>More taxes; more passes. Each pass allows indefinite stays on public streets where parking is allowed.</p> <p>For those who have more passes than they can use, let them sell their extra passes to those who need them because, for example, they have lots of adults in their residence each of whom own a car</p>
Jimm Roberts	This policy would be especially beneficial to those who own no car but who receive a pass because they pay property taxes.
Name not available	Leave rule as is but include weekends. Neighbors usually don't complain. As tax payers we need recourse when non-residents occupy parking for extended days.
Name not shown	When kids visited I'd like to know no one would be ticketed for parking in front of my house. I'd like though not to have to trek to city hall for a timed permit . What alternatives online could be developed?

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<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I have lived in the city for over 25 years. There have been many situations over the years where we have been out of town on a business trip or a week-long vacation and have had to leave one of our family cars on the street in front of our house. While it would be nice to have a two car garage and a large driveway, that just isn't the case with most houses in the older parts of the city. Sometimes the only choice is to have a car on the street. What would be the alternative? Hiring a "car sitter" to move your car every couple of days? Parking your car in a city garage for a week? While I think I understand the rationale behind the law, it seems to create a real hardship for those of us with limited private parking space at our homes.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Have APD phone representatives fully understand this rule when answering calls since I had experiences where I was told they were not going to enforce this rule.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>Only allow cars of Alexandria residents to be parked on the street for more than 72 hours. There should be a greatly increased cost if a household without a drive/garage wants to park more than one car on the street for more than 72 hours.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I have seen it used as a weapon against disliked neighbors, which is wrong. There has got to be a better way. The citywide use of residential stickers would help Parking Enforcement find the true abandoned vehicles, remove the ordinance as a weapon, and provide the city with a potential new source of revenue in the form of a sticker fee.</p>

Attachment 4 – Public Comment Package

<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>We live in an area where my neighbor has four cars on a block with very little off street parking. They are the only ones on the block who complains about parking (despite having the most cars on the block) and calls parking enforcement for the 72-hour rule. They abuse the rule because they feel that street parking outside their house belongs to them. While they report others, they park their car for months at a time on the block.</p> <p>Because the household doesn't work, they don't like it when people who take the train into work and park their cars on the street for the week.</p> <p>Further, in reality the rule has very little effect - when my neighbor calls and reports the 72 hour rule, you only need to pull up the car an inch to be in compliance. As such, I worry about being reported when I am traveling - which I frequently do. Get rid of the rule - parking authority has much more important work to do then worry about this.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>72 hours is a burden for residents without driveways/garages - which is a HUGE percentage in Old Town. We live here and pay property and personal property taxes here. Our children go to school here. Give us a break! This rule only helps tourists. Let them go to private garages which are plentiful and not very expensive for an hour or two.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I believe the city is very much aware of the fact that this 72 hour rule pits neighbor against neighbor. It is my understanding that the city now gives out "notices" instead of citations, which I think works well enough. I would like to see this policy continued, perhaps together with an abolition of any fines now in place.</p>
<p>Name not shown</p>	<p>I think if people need to park more than 72 hours they should be allowed to, especially if they have no garage or driveway.</p>
<p>Denise Gray</p>	<p>I just think 3 days is not reasonable - especially for singles and/or those with no off street parking available. A week is more reasonable.</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>If I knew it existed I would have reported abandoned cars I see in the neighborhood</p>
<p>Name not available</p>	<p>I am a 33 year resident of Old Town. This rule is a real problem for me. We pay our city parking and have a sticker on our cars. We also travel a lot and quite frequently need to leave our car for more than 72 hours. I recognize that the police MAY only enforce this rule if someone complains, but that is of no help. This could just promote neighborhood discord. Should the city continue with this rule, it should certainly be admended to EXCLUDE vehicles that are registered to park in that area.</p>

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Name not available	Because it's not enforced, I haven't found it to be problem. I travel several times a year and don't have a garage or off-street parking, so if the rule was actually enforced, it would pose a major problem for me.
Name not shown	The 72 hour rule was our first interaction with Alexandria government after moving in and going on vacation only to discover that we were not allowed to leave our cars in our own neighborhood when leaving town. Very unwelcoming. My husband travels extensively for work and it is absurd that I should have to waste time moving his car around to avoid being penalized for not having a dedicated parking space in a historic neighborhood.
Jeanie Tulipane	As a homeowner without a garage, I am only annoyed when a resident parks his "extra" car in front of my house and leaves it for weeks. Very inconsiderate.
Name not available	This is a TERRIBLE Ordinance and should be repealed completely,
Name not available	I do not believe this rule benefits the City. If it must remain, the City should allow residents to park their vehicles on their own streets! We do travel and have limited driveway space, as do many, many Del Ray residents. This is a burdensome rule.
Name not shown	We've been able to use the 72-hour rule to provide additional enforcement on vehicles that park in the loading zone in front of our building for long periods of time. They already were getting tickets for parking in the loading zone, but they still didn't move their car. Eventually the car was considered abandoned and was towed. The Westin hotel encourages their patrons to park in our loading zone and on the street, and many of these cars park for multiple days without moving their cars and the parking is not enforced, so the 72-hour rule gives us residents another tool to get these cars to move so we can have parking for our guests and businesses in our neighborhood. Otherwise the hotel guests would completely monopolize the street parking.

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Name not available	<p>I think adding more street signs will only create more confusion for people trying to park.</p> <p>Neighbors who monopolize street parking have to move after 72 hours, which is fair.</p> <p>I like the idea of a system where residents can register to park longer in special circumstances. If neighbors truly have conflicts with one another, they should handle it respectfully. We live in a city, dealing with people living in close quarters comes with the territory.</p>
Name not shown	<p>Helpful for turnover, but my driveway only accommodates one vehicle and the rule can be difficult while on travel/vacation.</p>
Name not shown	<p>If youre an Alexandria resident without a garage you should be able to park in front of your home without regard to a silly 72 hour rule. Find another way to deal with abandoned vehicles.</p>



72-Hour On-Street Parking Rule Review

April 25, 2017



Public Outreach

AlexEngage Questionnaire

- 783 responses, January

Two Traffic and Parking Board **Subcommittee Meetings** with Public Comment Periods

- January 23 & February 16

72-Hour Open House with Four Outreach Stations.

- February 27

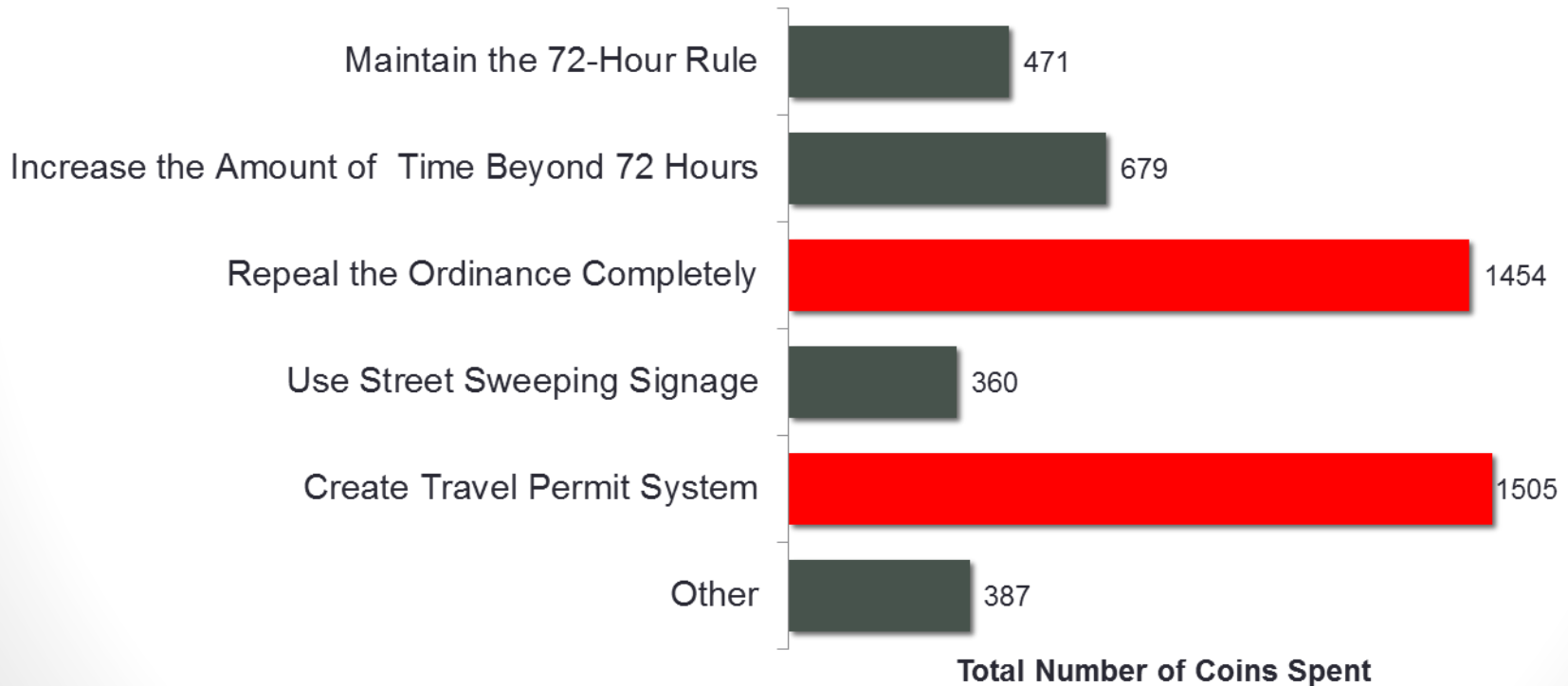
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- March 27



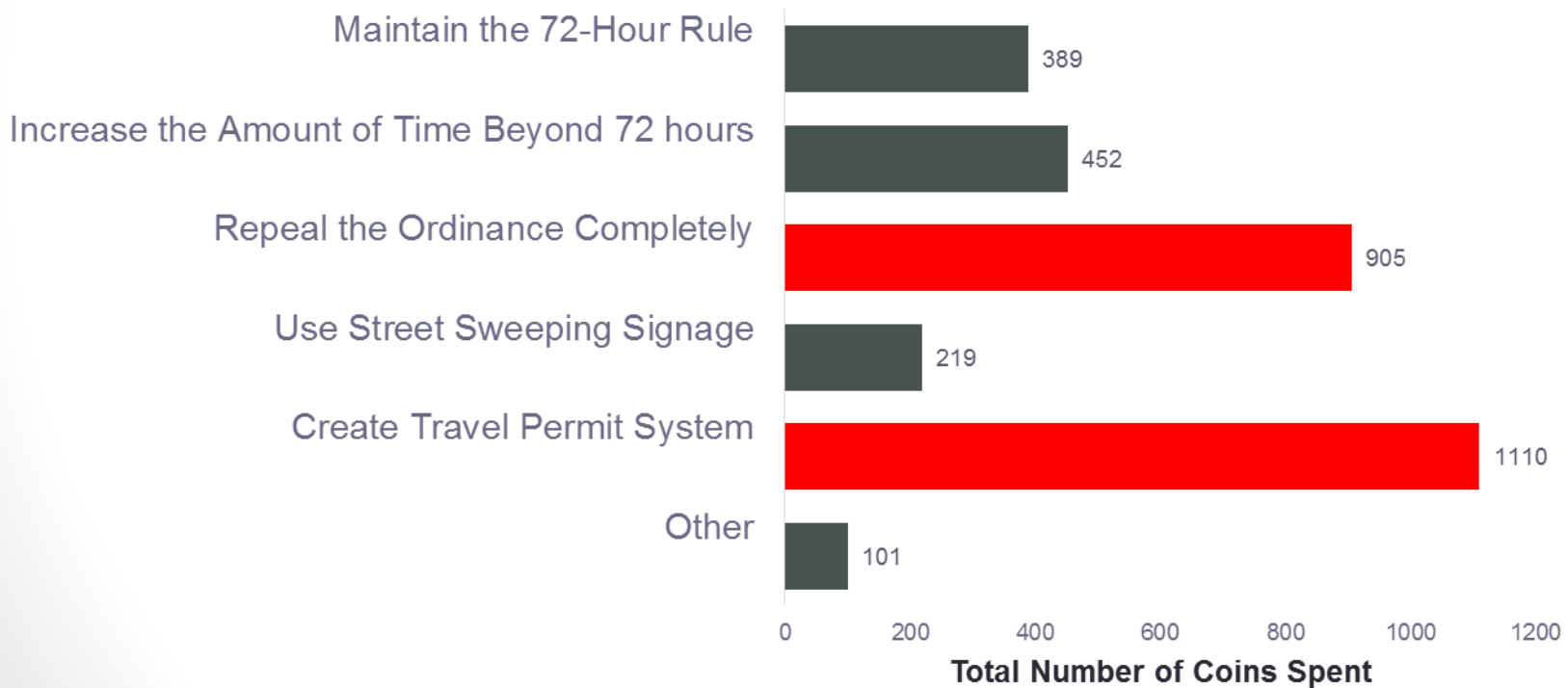
Respondent Preferences

**Total Coins Spent by All Respondents on Question 7
(n = 783, respondents could spend up to 7 coins)**



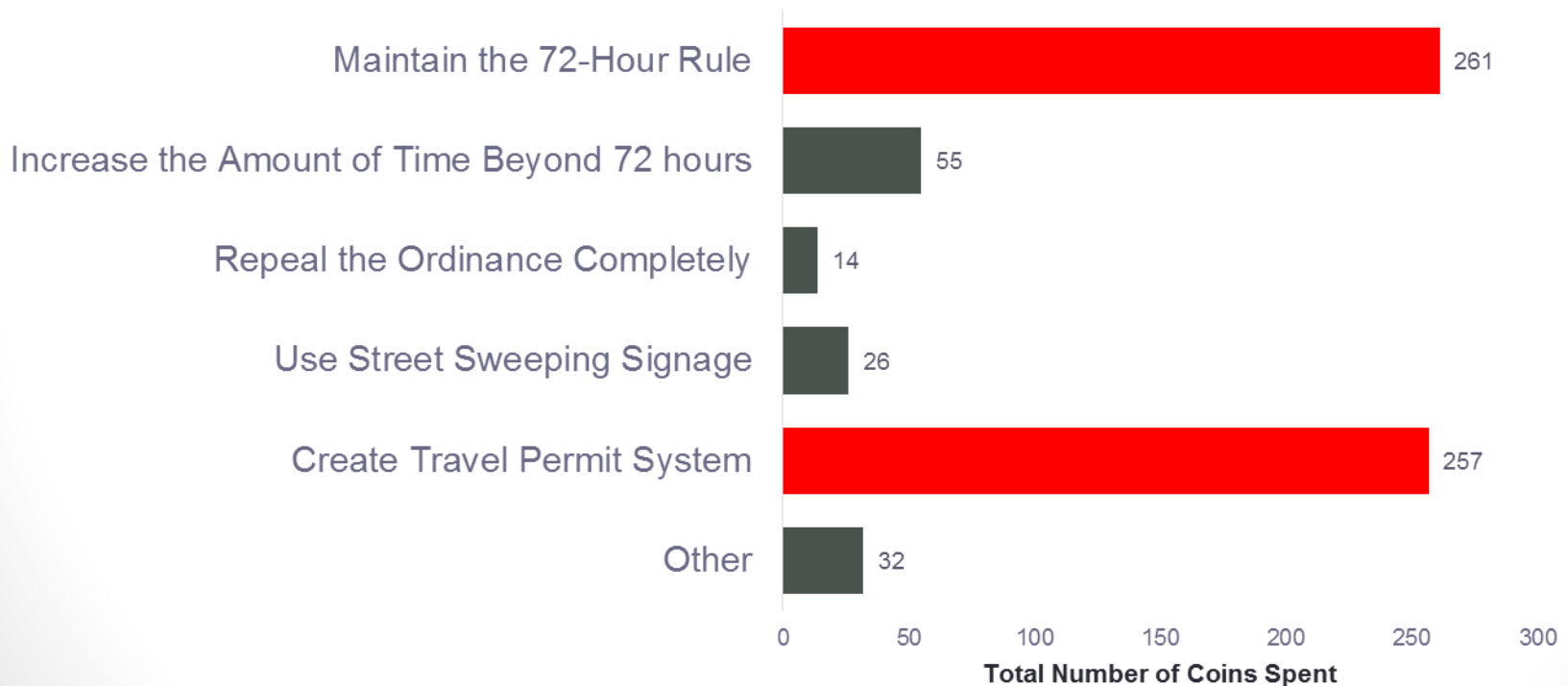
Respondent Preferences

Respondents who were Previously Aware of Rule (n = 546)



Respondent Preferences

Respondents who Previously Reported Infractions (n = 120)



Respondent Preferences

Respondents who have been Reported (n = 237)





Exemption Considerations

	WHAT IT IS WHAT IT ALLOWS	WHAT IT ISN'T WHAT IT DOESN'T ALLOW
What	Allows an individual to park on-street within a given block longer than 72-hours.	Does not allow an individual to park indefinitely. Time limits will be determined.
Who	Any resident with a car registered in the City of Alexandria including individuals who do not have/live in a RPP District.	Non-residents, visitors, or guests will not be able to register for travel permits.
Where	Allows residents to park beyond 72 hours within 1/8 of their place of residence.	Parking beyond 1/8 mile of place of residence.
How	Residents register their vehicle plate(s) online with APD. Residents will not need to travel to City Hall.	For security, no physical pass will be issued and displayed on the vehicle.