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From: Justin Wilson
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 9:26 AM
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Cc: Mark Jinks; Earl Cook; Chris Wemple III; Yon Lambert; Kendel Taylor; James Banks; thomas.y.johnson2.civ@mail.mil; Jackie Henderson
Subject: 72-Hour Rule
Attachments: 72 Hour Rule.pdf

Colleagues,

See the attached memo for presentation during Orals this evening.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 23, 2015

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMAN JUSTIN M. WILSON

SUBJECT: "72 HOUR RULE" REFORM

Originally conceived many decades ago and last amended in 1985 as an effort to address abandoned vehicles on our streets, City Code Section 10-4-8¹, is a provision that mandates that a vehicle parked on a public street must be moved within 72 hours (notwithstanding any other on-street restrictions).

While the provision still maintains some value in ensuring parking turnover, it is often used as a tool in neighbor versus neighbor disputes. Over the past 3 years, our Police Department has averaged 1,200 checks for compliance of the ordinance, and cited 397 vehicles for violations.

With many residents of our City lacking off-street parking, some business and personal travel can present hardships in compliance with this ordinance.

Accordingly, I would like the applicable City departments to engage with the Traffic and Parking Board to consider a variety of reform options for this provision.

Consideration should include, but not be limited to:

Option 1: Leveraging the existing capabilities that the City has made available for guest and visitor permits in residential parking districts to allow residents citywide to print temporary permits for exceeding the 72-hour rule.

An appropriate fee should be charged to fully recoup costs of administration, along with restrictions on duration, prevention of overuse and block face applicability.

Option 2: Consideration of an increase in the currently allowed 72 hours

Option 3: Full repeal of the Code restriction

¹https://www.municode.com/library/va/alexandria/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIT11COGEOR_TIT10MOVETR_CH4STSTPA_S10-4-8PAMO72COHO

In conjunction with the on-going Citywide Parking Work Plan detailed by Staff in October, I would appreciate a future recommendation from the Traffic and Parking Board and Staff for Council consideration

Cc: Mark Jinks, City Manager; James Banks, City Attorney; Yon Lambert, Director of Transportation & Environmental Services; Earl Cook, Chief of Police; Kendel Taylor, Director of Finance; Jay Johnson, Chair, Alexandria Traffic & Parking Board

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Subject: Value Capture Mount Vernon/Arlandria Plans
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FROM: COUNCILMAN JUSTIN M. WILSON

SUBJECT: VALUE CAPTURE MT VERNON/ARLANDRIA PLANS

In June of 2001, the City Council launched the “Plan for Planning”¹ effort, which to date has led to the adoption of community-driven small area plans in every corner of our City.

While this fall we will conclude the last of the original planning goals with the adoption of the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan, two of the earliest plans in the process focused on two separate sections of Mount Vernon Avenue.

In 2003 the Council adopted “A Long-Term Vision and Action Plan for the Arlandria Neighborhood”². In 2005 the Council adopted “The Mount Vernon Avenue Business Area Plan”³.

Unlike the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan that was adopted during the same time period, the Arlandria and Mount Vernon Avenue plans did not seek or anticipate large-scale redevelopment activity across the plan areas. Instead, they laid out a framework for some redevelopment accompanied by infrastructure improvements in an attempt to enhance the success of each area.

Unlike the larger-scale small area plans approved in Braddock Road, Braddock East, Waterfront, Landmark/Van Dorn, North Potomac Yard and Beauregard, the Mount Vernon Avenue and Arlandria Plans did not include mechanisms to directly capture portions of the value of redevelopment activity to fund neighborhood infrastructure. The plans assumed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding and/or the creation of a Business Improvement District (BID).

¹ <http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy01/062601rm/ws.pdf>

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http://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/planning/info/Arlandria/pnz_arlandria_visionandactionplan.pdf

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<http://alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/planning/info/masterplan/Mt.%20Vernon%20Avenue%20Business%20Area%20Plan.pdf>

As a consequence, the infrastructure improvements that have occurred have successfully competed for CIP funds, been the result of private efforts, or come via developer contributions.

With redevelopment projects pending or proposed in both plan areas, the City now has the opportunity to explore some of the value capture mechanisms that have been successful within other plans, for use in the Arlandria and Mount Vernon Avenue Plans.

Specifically, I would request that Planning Staff bring recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council to amend both plans to include such capabilities.

With our Interdepartmental Long Range Planning Work Program now including strategic updates and implementation activities for both of these plans, I believe this will be an effective mechanism for continuing momentum in implementing the Council-approved vision for the future of these important areas.

Cc: Mark Jinks, City Manager; Karl Moritz, Director, Planning & Zoning; Mary Lyman, Chair, Alexandria Planning Commission