

ORDINANCE NO. 7,654-N.S.

AMENDING BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.72 TO ALLOW FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE RESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PARKING (RPP) PROGRAM

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. That Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.030 is amended to read as follows:

14.72.030 Definitions.

A. "Designated residential parking permit area" means any contiguous area upon which the Council imposes parking limitations pursuant to the authority granted by this chapter.

B. "Block front" means all of the property on one side of a street between two consecutive intersecting streets.

C. "Mixed use" means the use of a lot or building with two or more different land uses including, but not limited to, residential, commercial, retail, office or manufacturing, in a single structure or a group of physically integrated structures; in a neighborhood context, it means blocks containing single-use residences interspersed with other land uses, such as commercial or industrial.

D. "Mixed Use-Residential" and "Mixed Use-Light Industrial" refer to the zoning designations so defined in Berkeley Municipal Code Chapters 23E.84 and 23E.80, respectively.

E. "Assessor's Use Code" means the code used by the Alameda County Assessor to assess property for property tax purposes. These codes cover a range of building descriptions and uses, including a variety of residential uses.

F. "Nonresidential vehicle" means a motor vehicle not eligible to be issued a residential parking permit, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this chapter, for the specific area in which it is parked. However, it could be eligible for a local business parking permit, or any other parking permit the council shall designate.

G. "Residential parking permit" means a permit issued under this chapter which, when displayed upon a vehicle, as described herein, shall exempt said vehicle from parking time restrictions established pursuant to this chapter.

H. "Local business parking permit" means a permit issued under this chapter which, when displayed upon a motor vehicle, shall exempt said vehicle from parking time restrictions established pursuant to this chapter.

I. "Trapped resident" means: 1) any resident whose dwelling is on a block that may not legally opt-in because less than 80% of the block fronts are residentially zoned and either:

a) whose address is on a block front adjacent to and/or surrounded by block fronts that are already included in the RPP program; or b) whose address is within the general boundary of a designated RPP area; or 2) any resident whose dwelling abuts controlled curb parking and either: a) whose address is on a block front adjacent to and/or surrounded by RPP areas; or b) whose address is within the general boundary of a designated RPP area.

J. "Neighborhood-service community facility" means churches, schools and senior centers located wholly within the general boundary of an RPP designated area.

K. "Neighborhood-serving business and establishment" means any business or establishment located in a neighborhood commercial district as defined in the Zoning Ordinance Section Cl, Clb, Clc, Clb(E).

L. "One-day visitor permit" means a parking permit issued pursuant to this chapter or an ordinance enacted pursuant to authority granted herein, which shall exempt the vehicle from parking time restrictions pursuant to this chapter, for the date indicated upon the face of said permit.

M. "Two-week visitor permit" shall mean a parking permit issued pursuant to this chapter or an ordinance enacted pursuant to authority granted herein, which shall exempt the vehicle from parking time restrictions established pursuant to this chapter for a period of 14 consecutive calendar days, beginning upon the date indicated upon the face of said permit.

N. "Motor vehicle" shall be an automobile, truck, motorcycle or other self-propelled form of transportation not in excess of 8,000 pounds gross weight and not in excess of 20 feet in length. A trailer, trailer coach, utility trailer, motor home/(RV), or any other type of vehicle as defined in the California Vehicle Code that is not self-propelled, is not eligible for an RPP permit.

O. "Controlled curb parking" means any on-street parking with existing parking limitations, such as meters, time restrictions, red zone, etc.

P. "Schools" shall mean any school or other place of learning providing a pre-school, elementary or secondary level of study, and which regularly employs a staff of at least 15 certificated persons regularly employed as a classroom teacher.

Q. "Senior centers" means the three senior centers affiliated with the City: North Berkeley Senior Center, South Berkeley Senior Center and the West Berkeley Senior Center.

Section 2. That Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.050 is amended to read as follows:

14.72.050 Designation of a residential permit parking area.

A. There shall be two alternative processes by which City Council could consider any area for designation as a residential permit parking area:

1. Residents petition. The City Council shall consider for designation as a residential permit parking area any proposed area for which a petition has been submitted which meets and satisfies the following requirements:

a. Prior to obtaining signatures, neighborhood organizers shall consult with City staff to assure that the proposed area meets guidelines set in the administrative regulations for the establishment of permit parking boundaries.

b. The petition shall contain a description or a map showing the proposed residential permit parking area.

c. Said description or map shall be followed in the petition by a statement describing the residential permit parking program and the current residential permit fees.

d. The statement shall be followed by a signature, printed name, address, and date of signing of the application by a number of adult residents including at least 51% of the housing units within the area.

e. For applicants in areas zoned Mixed Use-Residential or Mixed Use-Light Industrial, a petition shall only be deemed valid if at least 51% of the housing units on each block front have an address that has a residential Assessor's Use Code.

f. All petitions shall be the same as the standard petition form developed by City staff. Any petition form different from the standard petition form shall be deemed invalid for the purposes of this chapter.

g. In the proposed residential permit parking area, at least 80% of the block fronts with unlimited on-street parking must be residentially zoned, and at a minimum, 75% of all unlimited on-street parking spaces within the proposed area must be occupied during any two one-hour periods between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

h. In areas zoned Mixed Use-Residential or Mixed Use-Light Industrial, at a minimum, 75% of all unlimited on-street parking spaces within the proposed area must be occupied during any two one-hour periods between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

2. City Council initiation. City Council shall consider for designation as a residential permit parking area any area for which the following requirements have been met:

a. City Council shall initiate the area as a residential permit parking area.

b. For areas zoned Mixed Use-Residential or Mixed Use-Light Industrial, Council shall only initiate the area as a residential permit parking area if at least 51% of the housing units on each block front have an address that has a residential Assessor's Use Code.

c. In the proposed residential permit parking area at least 80% of the block fronts with unlimited on-street parking must be residentially zoned, and at a minimum, 75% of all unlimited on-street parking spaces within the proposed area must be occupied during any two one-hour periods between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or unlimited on-street parking is projected to be impacted by parking spillover from a more congested residential permit parking area.

d. In areas zoned Mixed Use-Residential or Mixed Use-Light Industrial, at a minimum, 75% of all unlimited on-street parking spaces within the proposed area must be occupied during any two one-hour periods between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

e. A notice of intent to establish permit parking shall be sent to all addresses within the proposed residential parking permit area.

B. Upon receipt by the City Council of a petition as described in subsection A.1 of this section, or after Council has initiated a residential permit parking area as described in subsection A.2 of this section, the Council shall:

1. Undertake or cause to be undertaken such surveys or studies which it deems necessary.

2. Cause to be drafted a resolution which would establish a residential permit parking area based upon the aforementioned proposal and studies, including all regulations and time restrictions determined by the Council to be reasonable and necessary in such area.

C. The Council shall thereafter conduct a public hearing on said draft resolution. Notice of the hearing shall be posted at least ten days prior to the hearing on all block fronts proposed to be included in the residential permit parking area. Following the hearing, the City Council may enact, amend or reject said draft resolution in any manner, including but not limited to, modification of boundaries of the proposed area and the restrictions imposed on such proposed area. In order to grant permit parking designation, Council shall find that the designation will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort and general welfare of persons residing in the area of designation. In reaching this decision, consideration shall be given to the residents' support for residential permit parking, the existing parking conditions, the expected effectiveness of residential permit parking in improving parking conditions, and the location and size of the residential permit parking area.

Section 3. That Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.090 is amended to read as follows:

14.72.090 Residential parking permit.

A. The City Manager and/or his/her designee shall issue residential parking permits with a term not to exceed one year to motor vehicles which comply with the requirements set forth in this section.

1. No more than three (3) permits may be purchased for each residential address. Applicants may request a waiver if additional permits are needed.

2. In areas zoned Mixed Use-Residential (MU-R) or Mixed Use-Light Industrial (MULI), no more than two (2) permits may be purchased for each residential address. Applicants may request a waiver if additional permits are needed.

3. The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to issue such rules and regulations necessary to grant waivers to the annual permit limits.

B. A residential parking permit may be issued for a motor vehicle only upon application of the following person:

1. The applicant must demonstrate that he or she is currently a resident of the area for which the permit is to be issued; and

2. The applicant must demonstrate that he or she has ownership or continuing custody of the motor vehicle for which the permit is to be issued; and

3. Any motor vehicle to be issued a permit must have a vehicle registration indicating registration within the area for which the permit is to be issued.

C. A residential parking permit may in addition be issued for any vehicle in the area regularly utilized by a person who owns or leases commercial property and actively engages in business activity within the particular residential permit parking area. However, no more than one parking permit, or any greater number which the City Council may determine appropriate for the particular residential permit parking involved area, may be issued for each business establishment for a motor vehicle registered to or under the control of such a person.

D. A residential parking permit may be issued for any vehicle utilized in the area by a nonresidential nonbusiness enterprise, such as a church, school, or hospital, located wholly or partially within the particular residential permit parking area. However, no more than one parking permit, or any greater number which the City Council may determine appropriate for the particular permit parking area involved, may be issued for each such enterprise within each permit area for a motor vehicle registered to or under the control of such an enterprise.

E. Any person to whom a residential parking permit has been issued pursuant to this section shall be deemed a permit holder.

Section 4. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be

filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on May 14, 2019, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: Wengraf.