# CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025 7:00 P.M. IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL

The March 24, 2025, meeting of the Traffic and Parking Board is being held in person in the City Council Chambers at 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA and electronically. All the members of the Board and staff are participating either in-person or from remote locations through a Zoom meeting. The meeting can be accessed by the public via Zoom through:

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_pt3vQ0lqRJORhhZCHMYJEg\_Or an H.323/SIP room system:

H.323: 144.195.19.161 (US West) or 206.247.11.121 (US East)

Meeting ID: 959 2150 7361

Passcode: 915805

SIP: 959 2150 7361@zoomcrc.com

Passcode: 915805

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Public comment will be received at the meeting. The public may submit comments in advance to trafficandparkingboard@alexandriava.gov no later than 24 hours before the meeting or make public comments through the conference call or in person on the day of the hearing.

For reasonable disability accommodation, contact trafficandparkingboard@alexandriava.gov, Virginia Relay 711.

# CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025 7:00 P.M. IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL

#### DOCKET

- 1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
- 2. Special Staff Announcement
- **3.** Approval of the February 24, 2025 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
- 4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

[This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket]

- 5. WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES & PUBLIC HEARING FOLLOW-UP
  - A. West End High Crash Intersection Audit Update
  - B. 200 Block of King Street Walk Zone Pilot Phase Two Update
  - C. Capital Bikeshare Follow Up
  - D. Stop Sign Emerson and John Carlyle Follow Up

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

- **6.** City Code Amendment Residential Permit Parking Fee Increase
- 7. Residential Permit Parking 800 Block of North Columbus Street

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**8.** Parklet Application - 220 North Lee Street (Mystic Bar & Grill)

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9. STAFF UPDATES
  - Food Truck Policy Feedback
- 10. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Next Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025

## CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025, 7 P.M. IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING

#### MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair James Lewis, Vice Chair Ann Tucker, Annie Ebbers, Lavonda Bonnard, Casey Kane, Ashley Mihalik, and Kursten Phelps.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** T&ES – Katye North, Division Chief; Ryan Knight, Division Chief; Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III; Alex Carroll, Principal Planner; Bryan Hayes, Urban Planner III; and Silas Sullivan, Urban Planner II.

- 1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
- 2. Approval of the December 9, 2024, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane requested a correction to the December 9, 2024, minutes be made regarding the Duke Street Transitway Written Update, that the Director of T&ES notify the Board when the *Director of T&ES* makes a recommendation that differs from the recommendation made by the Board.

Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
  - 2024 Capital Bikeshare Ridership Record Breaking Year
    - O Ms. Phelps requested a bikeshare station be located at Patrick Henry Elementary School and Mr. Kane noted a discrepancy in the number of new bikeshare stations being installed and also asked that more bikeshare stations be installed west of Quaker Lane. Ms. Tucker asked for a presentation from the Capital Bikeshare program manager at a future meeting.
  - 200 Block of King Street Walk Zone Pilot Phase One Update
    - o Mr. Kane asked staff to update the webpage and the Board with the initial feedback received during phase one of the pilot.
  - Transportation Planning Project Updates
  - King & Commonwealth Streetscape Project Update
  - Edison Crosswalk Update
    - o Mr. Kane requested that bicycle-related guidance updates be shared with the Board when possible.
  - Parking Enforcement Contractor Update
  - Wheeler Avenue Follow Up

- o Mr. Kane requested that his photos of the trailers obstructing public right-of-way be shared with the Board and provide a written update.
- Taxicab Compliance Follow Up

#### 4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:**

- Sue Sommerfield requested the removal of parking on Moncure Drive to enable her to easily move her recreational vehicle in and out of her yard.
- Scott Corzine requested that the Heritage at Old Town redevelopment be scrapped for a new visitor center that would accommodate tour buses and provide for shuttles to and from the waterfront to prevent tour buses from entering the Historic District.
- Nusrati Shah spoke in opposition to the recent stand fee increase.
- Surake Bunkdersam spoke in opposition to the recent stand fee increase and wants to form his own taxi company.
- Desmond Williams spoke in opposition to the recent stand fee increase and wants the dispatch system modified.
- Daniel Hadgu spoke in opposition to the recent stand fee increase.
- Carolyn Griglione asked for a status update on the King and Beauregard intersection project, to which Mr. Knight responded that staff are working with VDOT on the design process this summer.
- Zari Kariman spoke in opposition to reducing stand fees due to changes in ridehailing business.
- Abdul Karim raised concerns with the City Code requirements for taxi companies.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

5. **ISSUE:** New Stop Sign and Parking Removal in Parkfairfax

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hayes presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane asked how this project is related to the Slow Zone pilot, to which Mr. Hayes responded that this project is not a formal Slow Zone but rather general traffic calming.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** None.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane requested the item be removed from consent.

Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to recommend the Director of T&ES:

- remove four (4) parking spaces at the intersection of Gunston Road and Lyons Lane;
- remove one (1) parking space at the intersection of Martha Custis Drive and Mount Eagle Place:
- remove one (1) parking space at the intersection of Gunston Road and Chalfonte Drive;
- add one (1) stop sign at the intersection of Gunston Road and Chalfonte Drive.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. ISSUE: Parking Removal - King Street and South Pitt Street

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps to recommend the Director of T&ES remove up to two (2) parking spaces for the creation of an ADA-compliant bus stop on the 500 block of King Street. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Residential Pay by Phone – 200 block of North Fairfax Street

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps to recommend the Director of T&ES implement a residential pay by phone requirement (\$1.75 per hour) for the 200 block of North Fairfax Street. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

8. **ISSUE:** Sanger Avenue Corridor Modifications

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Sullivan presented the item to the Board. Ms. Tucker requested that paint and/or flexposts be used to improve the situation for pedestrians on Sanger underneath I-395. Mr. Kane requested that lighting underneath I-395 be improved and there be a barrier along the sidewalk underneath I-395 to provide pedestrians with a sense of protection from vehicular traffic. Mr. Kane also requested that the traffic signal patterns be updated to reduce driver demand to rusk up to the intersections to make turns as well as allow for an all-way pedestrian crossing at Sanger Avenue and Van Dorn Street. Ms. Mihalik requested that wayfinding signage for area parks be installed along the corridor. Chair Lewis requested that Parking Enforcement be notified immediately once the parking restrictions signage along the corridor is updated.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** None.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps to recommend the Director of T&ES:

- remove timed parking restrictions
- remove up to 6 on-street parking spaces
- remove one peak-period general purpose travel lane in each direction

The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Parking Removal on Taney Avenue

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board. Ms. Phelps requested an additional crossing guard at Taney Avenue and North Latham Street. Mr. Kane requested that Taney Avenue be repayed in front of Patrick Henry Elementary School.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Aaron Thomas testified in support. Michael Rodriguez testified in support.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to recommend the Director of T&ES:

- remove up to 10 parking spaces at the Howard Street, Latham Street, and Pegram Street intersections, and
- remove up to 5 parking spaces at the Pickett Street intersection; and
- install stop signs at all approaches of Taney Avenue at Howard Street and Pickett Street intersections

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 10. **STAFF UPDATES:** Ms. McGraw notified the Board that the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting would be Chair Lewis final meeting. Ms. McGraw will email out the deadline for the new Board position closing. Ms. McGraw will also miss the next few meetings due to parental leave.
- 11. **COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** Mr. Kane provided the Board with the following updates:
  - The Transportation Commission received a briefing from the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) on the King/Commonwealth project.
  - VPRA also briefed the Transportation Commission on the pedestrian tunnel connecting Mill Road to Duke Street closing due to the increase in rail lines, but a new connection above will be created for pedestrians.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Tucker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Ebbers. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

### **Traffic and Parking Board**

**DATE:** March 24, 2025

**DOCKET ITEM:** 5

**ISSUE**: Written Staff Updates & Public Hearing Follow-up

### A. West End High Crash Intersection Audit Update

The City recently kicked off its West End High-Crash Intersection Audits project. This project is supported by the <u>U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Program</u>, and will study the following high-crash intersections, gather community input, and identify opportunities for improvements:

- South Van Dorn Street and South Pickett Street
- South Van Dorn Street and Edsall Road
- Seminary Road and Mark Center Avenue
- Seminary Road and Kenmore Avenue/Library Lane
- King Street and Dawes Avenue
- King Street and 28th Street
- King Street and Park Center Drive

Data collection is expected to take place this spring. Additionally, the City will be gathering initial community input, which is expected to begin at the end of March. More information is available on the <u>project webpage</u>.

#### B. 200 Block of King Street Walk Zone Pilot Phase Two Update

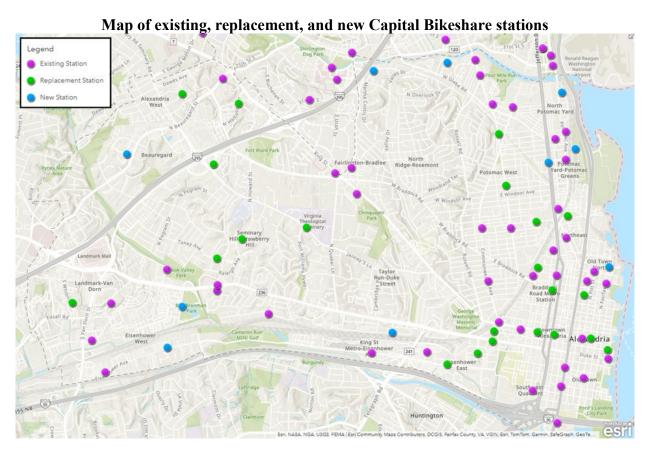
The City launched Phase 1 of a walk zone pilot for the 200 block of King Street during the holiday season, which occurred from November 22, 2024 to January 3, 2025. The second phase of the pilot launched on March 14 and will run until September 30, 2025. During this time, the 200 block of King Street is open to pedestrians and closed to vehicular traffic. This extended period will allow for additional community engagement and data collection. Based on the outcomes of the pilot, the City Council may consider making the walk zone permanent in the fall of 2025.

Visit the project website for updates, designs, and more information.

#### C. Capital Bikeshare Follow Up

The Capital Bikeshare system in Alexandria is expanding in 2025. Ten new stations will be installed throughout the City. The new locations will bring the system to new neighborhoods, such as ParkFairfax and the western portion of Arlandria, and connect new places of interest, such as the Virginia Tech campus and Witter Field. Four of the new station locations are obligated to new developments, such as Oakville Triangle and Eisenhower Pointe, that paid a bikeshare contribution and reserved a location for a station. Future expansion locations currently under consideration include the Del Pepper Community Center, Patrick Henry Recreation Center, William Ramsay Recreation Center, along the Holmes Run trail in Brookville-Seminary Valley, and Daingerfield Island. Station locations have also been secured on the site plans for the Victory Center, WestEnd, and Vulcan developments.

Additionally, 22 replacement stations will be installed. All stations that are at least 10 years old and have reached the end of their useful life will receive new equipment. By replacing the oldest stations, the City will also reduce the monthly operational and maintenance costs of the system. All new station equipment will be paid for through developer contributions or grants.



#### D. Stop Sign - Emerson and John Carlyle Follow Up

At the April 2024 Board meeting, the Board voted to recommend the Carlyle Council and the Director of T&ES remove one parking space on John Carlyle Street at Emerson Avenue, and consider an all-way stop in six months. City staff has been working with the Carlyle Council on this issue. The Carlyle Council had asked to revisit this issue in February, six months after the

installation occurred in July to give a full six months to evaluate. Most recently, the Carlyle Council Transportation Management Plan Committee relayed that they do not want to move forward with a stop sign at Emerson and John Carlyle Street at this time and that they would like to revisit this issue after the approved changes take place on Holland Lane.

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## **Traffic and Parking Board**

**DATE:** March 24, 2025

**DOCKET ITEM:** 6

**ISSUE**: City Code Amendment – Residential Permit Parking Fee Increase

**REQUESTED BY**: Staff

**LOCATION**: Citywide

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**: That the Board recommend the City Council approve the amendment to the City Code to increase the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Fees.

**BACKGROUND**: The Code of Virginia authorizes jurisdictions to issue parking permits for motor vehicles parking on public streets, to set rates for the permits and to set their term of validity. In 1979, City Council designated certain areas in the City as residential permit parking districts and has added new areas over the years, including the most recent addition of parking districts east and west of the Potomac Yard Metro Station. Attachment 2 provides a map of the City's residential permit parking districts.

The residential permit parking ordinance prohibits on-street parking for more than two or three hours during varying time periods, but vehicles displaying the appropriate parking permit are exempt from these restrictions. Only persons who maintain their residence within the boundaries of a permit parking district are eligible to obtain parking permits. Under Alexandria City Code Section 5-8-77, residents living in residential parking permits pay \$40 for the first vehicle, \$50 for the second vehicle, and \$150 for the third and any subsequent vehicles.

<u>**DISCUSSION**</u>: The last increase to permits fees occurred in 2018 (Attachment 3). Staff propose an escalating increase in permit fees as follows:

First vehicle: \$55 (+\$15)
Second vehicle: \$75 (+\$25)
Additional vehicles: \$250 (+\$100)

In 2024, approximately 5,000 households received one permit, 1,700 households received two permits, and 350 households received three or more permits. There is no limit to the number of permits a household can purchase. The escalating permit fees would assess the smallest increase on the majority of households who purchase permits. The more significant increase of \$100 to households with three or more permits would aim to incentivize households to consider whether

they need to purchase a permit given the higher price. This annual fee is still well below the cost to park in most private garages, which typically cost \$100-\$250 a month. The proposed fees are slightly higher than permit fees for Arlington and Washington, DC, but consistent with fees charged in Annapolis, Maryland, which has similar parking constraints as Alexandria given the historic residential areas. See Attachment 4 for more details.

**OUTREACH**: This fee increase is part of the City Manager's proposed FY 2026 budget, which is currently under consideration by the City Council. If the Council approves the increase to the permit fees with the budget, the change must also be approved through an amendment to the City Code since the fees are specifically listed in the Code.

#### ATTACHMENT 1 – DRAFT ORDINANCE

#### **Chapter 8, ARTICLE F – Permit Parking Districts**

Sec. 5-8-77 – Parking permits; issuance

- (a) The city manager shall, upon payment of the fee provided for by this article, issue permits:
- (1) to persons who reside in a permit parking district or to persons who both reside in a residential property located on a block adjacent to an existing permit parking district where parking on said block is controlled by time limits set by official signs or metered parking and lack adequate alternative nearby parking facilities available to them, as determined by the city manager or the manager's designee. The following shall apply:
- (i) one permit for each vehicle belonging to such persons for which the persons have paid all personal property taxes imposed thereon by the city. Applicants for permits issued pursuant to this subsection shall provide proof of residence and, for each vehicle for which a permit is sought, a motor vehicle registration card issued by the division of motor vehicles and proof of payment of all personal property taxes and license taxes imposed thereon by the city.

For permits issued to a person or renewed pursuant to paragraph (i) of this subsection, there shall be imposed a fee of \$4050 for the first vehicle, \$5075 for the second vehicle, and \$150250 for each additional vehicle. A replacement permit for use on another vehicle registered in such person's name may be obtained upon application on forms furnished by the city manager and presentation of the registration card for the vehicle for which the replacement permit is sought and pieces of the previously issued permit as proof that it was removed from the vehicle for which the fee was previously paid, accompanied by a fee of \$1; and

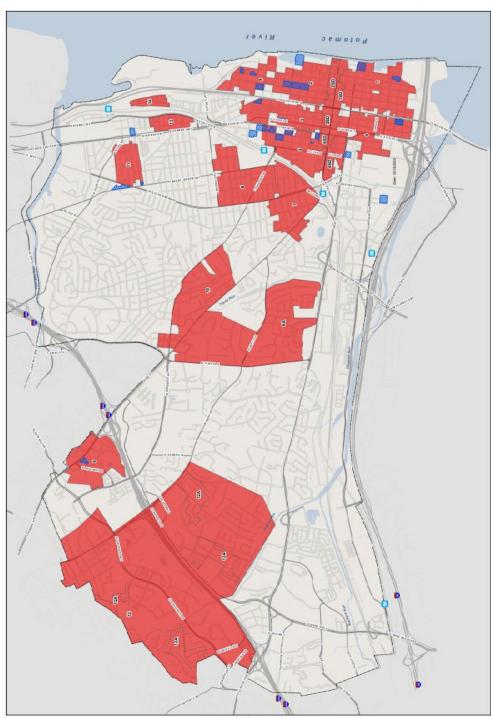
(ii) One permit per residential property for a health care provider providing health care services and/or childcare provider providing childcare services at the residential property. Permits issued under this paragraph (a)(1)(ii) are not vehicle specific and may be transferred to different vehicles, but the use of such permits other than by persons providing health care services and/or childcare services at the residential property or other than during such times as they are providing health care services and/or childcare services at the residential property (or are in the immediate process of coming or going from the residential property in connection with providing health care services and/or childcare services at the residential property) is prohibited. Such permits shall be valid for up to one year and will expire on October 5, annually. Applicants for permits issued pursuant to this paragraph (a)(1)(ii) shall provide proof of residence, a notarized certification that a permanent occupant of the residential property is receiving health care services and/or childcare services at the residential property, and vehicle registration for the initial user of the permit, and a written statement from a licensed medical professional that a permanent occupant of the residential property is receiving health care services at the residential property. For permits issued to a

person or renewed pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection, there shall be imposed a fee of \$150250 per permit.

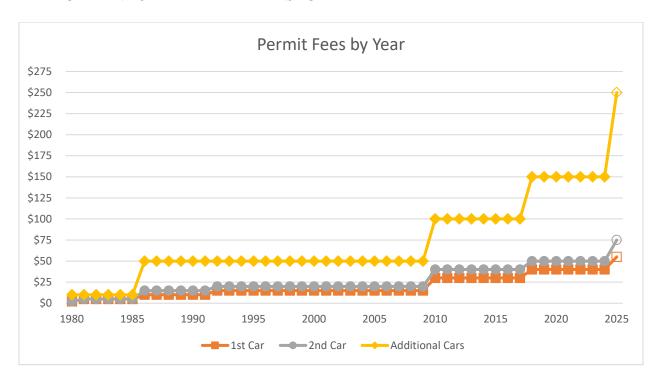
- (2) to persons who are visitors at a residential property within a permit parking district on the application of the resident, one permit for any vehicle used by such person during the visit, which permit shall be valid for a maximum of 30 days but shall not be renewed; provided, that permits may be issued to no more than two visitors to the same residential property at the same time. A \$5 fee shall be charged for any permit issued pursuant to this subsection for a period of more than seven days.
- (3) to persons who are guests at a residential property in a permit parking district on the application of the resident, one permit for any vehicle used by such person while a guest at the residential property, which permit shall be valid for a date certain or portion thereof. Self-validating guest permits or online, date-specific guest permits shall be issued for the guests of any residential property located in a permit parking district upon the application of a person residing in the residential property.
- (4) to persons doing business with an occupant of the residential property or a nonresident property owner of a property located within a permit parking district on the application of the occupant of the residential property or nonresident property owner, one permit for the vehicle used while doing business in the permit parking district; provided, that such permits may be issued to no more than three persons doing business at the same residential property at the same time. No permit shall be issued pursuant to this subsection for a period longer than the time estimated by the occupant of the residential property or nonresident property owner to be required for completing the business transaction for which the permit is sought, and in no event shall any permit be valid for more than 30 days.
- (b) Whenever a holder of a permit issued under this section is no longer qualified to possess the permit, the permit shall be invalid and shall be returned to the director of finance.
- (c) Permits shall not be issued to persons who reside in a residential development which is subject to a special use permit, to the extent the residents, visitors, guests or business-invitees within such development are excluded by the special use permit from eligibility for one or more of the permits described above in subsections (1), (2), (3) or (4).
- (d) No citation for a violation of section 5-8-72 of this article shall be issued in any permit parking district until the signs required by subsection (d) of this section shall have been posted in the district. No citation for a violation of section 5-8-72 shall be valid if the owner of the vehicle receiving the citation within 15 days of the date of adoption of the resolution designating the permit parking district in which the motor vehicle was parked when cited, obtains a permit authorizing the parking of the vehicle in the district. No citation for a violation of section 5-8-72 shall be valid if, less than 31 days before the date of the citation, the owner of the cited vehicle first become a resident of the permit parking district in which the vehicle was parked when cited and, within 30 days of becoming a resident of the district, the owner obtained a permit authorizing the parking of the cited vehicle within the district.

## ATTACHMENT 2 – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS MAP





## ATTACHMENT 3 – PERMIT FEE HISTORY



## ATTACHMENT 4 – PERMIT FEES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

	Alexandria (current)	Alexandria (proposed)	Arlington, VA	Washington, DC	Annapolis, MD*	Annapolis, MD **
1st Vehicle	\$40	\$55	\$40	\$50	\$55	\$75
2nd Vehicle	\$50	\$75	\$55	\$75	\$75	\$100
3rd Vehicle	\$150	\$250	\$65*	\$100	\$150	\$200
4th Vehicle	\$150	\$250	\$150*	\$150	\$275	\$350

<sup>\*</sup> only for households *withou*t off-street parking
\*\* for households with off-street parking

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## **Traffic and Parking Board**

**DATE:** March 24, 2025

**DOCKET ITEM:** 7

**ISSUE**: Residential Permit Parking – 800 Block of North Columbus Street

**REQUESTED BY**: Residents of the 800 Block of North Columbus Street

**LOCATION**: 800 block of North Columbus Street (Residential Permit Parking District

3)

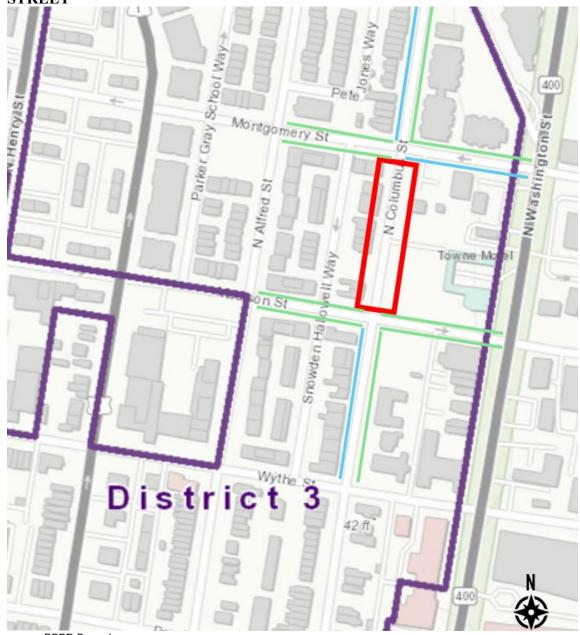
**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**: That the Board recommend the Director of T&ES install 2-hour parking restrictions from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, Residential Permit Parking District (RPPD) 3 permitholders exempt on the 800 block of North Columbus Street.

**BACKGROUND:** The block has approximately 32 on-street parking spaces, with 15 on the west side and 17 on the east side (Attachment 1). Parking on the block—as with the abutting blocks—is prohibited on Monday mornings (east side) and Tuesday mornings (west side) for street sweeping. The abutting 700 block of Montgomery Street as well as the 700 and 900 blocks of North Columbus Street already have 2-hour time-restricted parking restrictions posted with the same hours and days as proposed for this block. The former Towne Motel at 802-808 North Washington Street is currently under redevelopment to become 78 condominium residences with underground garage parking. The future residents of 802-808 North Washington Street will be, however, eligible to obtain Residential Parking Permits for District 3.

**<u>DISCUSSION</u>**: In order to add signage within an existing district, Section 5-8-75 of the Code requires a petition to be submitted by more than 50% of the residents on the block. The requestor garnered signatures from 9 out of 14 verified households on this block to meet the minimum 50% threshold stipulated by the City Code (Attachment 2).

**<u>OUTREACH</u>**: Staff notified the West Old Town Citizens Association of this petition on March 7, 2025. As of March 14, staff had not received feedback about the proposed restrictions.

## ATTACHMENT 1: LOCATION (AERIAL) - 800 BLOCK NORTH COLUMBUS STREET



RPPD Boundary

—— Unrestricted Parking

---- 2-Hour Parking

## **ATTACHMENT 2: RESIDENTS' PETITION**



## Petition for Adding, Modifying, or Removing Residential Permit Parking Signage in an Existing District

	KELLY	Resident Name   Resident
Address: 822 No	ORTH COLUMBUS	STREET
Telephone: <u>703-925</u> District: 3	7-8583 Email	TODDCHRISTOPHERKELLY & GMIL. COM
Proposed Change (Select one		
Add new signage	☐Modify existing signage	☐Remove existing signage
Block (e.g. the 100 block of M		STREET
NO INICKTING WHITCH 184-C	COBER SIST ONN TOAM	MONDAY/TUESDAY EXCEPT HOLEDAYS
Proposed Restrictions (Select	an option on each line):	len smeg Lugge
Proposed Restrictions (Select ⊠Two Hours	an option on each line):	Shee State Mar
ale Condition	98	□8AM-2AM (next day)*
⊠Two Hours	☐Three Hours	22_200 A CONTRACTOR ALL DE PROPERTIES DE LA PROPERTIE DE LA PORTIE DE
⊠Two Hours ⊠8AM-5PM	□Three Hours □8AM-11PM □Monday-Saturday	22_200 A CONTRACTOR ALL DE PROPERTIES DE LA PROPERTIE DE LA PORTIE DE
⊠Two Hours  ⊠8AM-5PM  ⊠Monday-Friday	☐Three Hours ☐8AM-11PM ☐Monday-Saturday ☐Sunday 11AM-11PM	□8AM-2AM (next day)*

We the undersigned residents hereby request that the City change the existing signage on the following blocks within residential permit parking district number 3: 800 BLOCK OF NORTH COLUMBUS STREET (e.g. the 100 block of Main Street, the 200 block of Main Street, and east the 500 block of Side Street). We propose restrictions for the days and times indicated above. We understand that the restrictions will apply to all non-residents of the district, residents will be required to pay an annual fee for resident parking stickers for each vehicle, and we will also need to obtain guest passes to allow guests/contractors to park on the street beyond the posted restrictions.

Resident Name (Printed)	Resident Signature	Address	Email (Optional)	Date
TODO KELLY	Told 1. Kelly	822 N. COLUMBUS	TODOCRASTOPHERKELLY & GMAZL CAN	8 FEB 25
MHRY	0	816 N.	mma ta ksa	
MATTALAS	M. q. Matols	COLUMBUS	g-mail, coin	9 FEB 25
ERI E RANDALL	Entreliel	STON Colombus St	Cussios44@	2/9/25
Laura	his	820 N Columbus St	LAURA, CARLSONE ALVANI, MARYMONT, EDU	2/9/25
David Bricke	9	SOUN	brickERDSHOWNELCOM	2/9/25
Louise Rillips	The Colon	827 H. columbus	weegieph1 e t	2/9/25
LEON STACEY	3 A	828 N. Columbia	e Yahoo. Con	2/9/95
Joshua Smith	45	832 N whiles A.	amstacen Pgrail.	2/2/25
Sacquelyn Awst	in Sacquelyn	818 N. Columbia	D 145	2/1/25
		viniday Sanaday	-Friday	steroidad
"(wib man) Mi	Elisanday 11AM-2	MULTIANATT Substitem	day Restrictions	aug ovac

Please note signatures from residents who are not the listed owner of the residence.

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## **Traffic and Parking Board**

**DATE:** March 24, 2025

**DOCKET ITEM:** 8

**ISSUE**: Parklet Application - 220 North Lee Street (Mystic Bar & Grill)

**REQUESTED BY**: Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) staff

**LOCATION**: 220 North Lee Street

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**: That the Board recommend the Director of T&ES approve a commercial parklet for Mystic Bar & Grill on the 200 block of North Lee Street.

BACKGROUND: The 200 block of North Lee Street is between Cameron and Queen Streets, just one block from King Street (Attachment 1). Parking is only permitted on the west side of the block and is generally restricted to 3-hour parking from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The west side of the block is largely commercial with a mix of restaurants and retail shops, while the east side of the block is entirely residential. Mystic Bar & Grill proposes operating a 40-foot-long parklet (2 parking spaces) on the west side of the block directly in front of their business (Attachment 2). No other parklets are currently proposed for this block. There are nine existing time-restricted parking spaces, three loading spaces, and one disability parking space on the block, providing a total of 13 spaces for vehicles—the parklet would reduce the number to 11. Some of the businesses on the block also have access to off-street parking spaces in the rear, while the residences on the block all have off-street parking spaces. There are numerous publicly accessible parking facilities within a four-minute walk of 220 Noth Lee Street, such as the Thompson's Alley, Union Street, and Market Square garages (Attachment 3).

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: No one has hosted nor operated a parklet on the 200 block of North Lee Street since the inception of the parklet program in 2020, however, the owners of Mystic Bar & Grill at 220 North Lee Street have recently applied to operate a commercial parklet in front of their business. Per the City's Parklet Requirements, businesses intending to operate a commercial parklet must notify all the neighbors on their block, their building's property owner(s) and any other tenants, as well as the civic association that presides over their neighborhood. In addition, the City is required to post a public notice about the parklet for 14 days to receive comments. When the Board approved the Parklet Requirements in 2021, City staff and the Board wanted to ensure that neighboring businesses and the public had the opportunity to engage in a public forum if there were any concerns about a proposed parklet. A tenant of the Crilley Warehouse, where Mystic Bar & Grill is located, received a notice about the proposed parklet and reached

out to City staff to voice his opposition to the proposal given the demand for parking on the block.

As with all the other parklet operators, Mystic Bar & Grill will be required to adhere to all of the Parklet Requirements and Outdoor Dining Design Guidelines if approved. Staff support permitting the commercial parklet for Mystic Bar & Grill on this block given its location in the commercial district and to improve the vibrancy and pedestrian experience in the area.

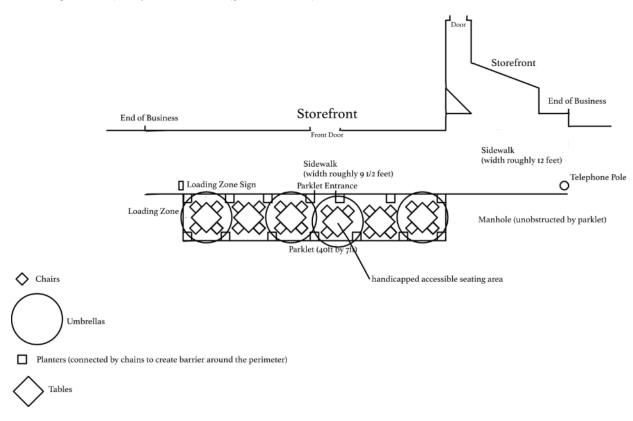
**OUTREACH**: Per the Parklet Requirements, Mystic Bar & Grill has notified their property owners as well as their neighbors on their block that they plan to operate a commercial parklet on the block. City staff posted a public notice regarding this proposal near the address on March 7, 2025, to notify the public as well. As of March 14, City staff had not heard from any other individuals nor parties about the proposed parklet.



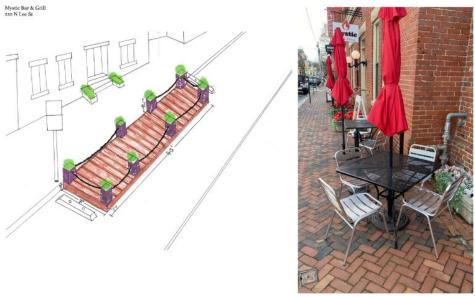
## LOCATION (STREETVIEW)



### **ATTACHMENT 2: PARKLET SITE PLAN**



## **DESIGN PLAN**



The parklet and the planters will be built out of wood.

In the top right corner is a drawing of the planters and in the bottom right corner is a photo of the tables, chairs and umbrellas that will be used.

An open umbrella is 8' tall and 7.5' wide The tables are 29" high and 35.5" wide and deep The chairs are 30" high, 17.5" wide and 20" deep

## ATTACHMENT 3: NEARBY PUBLIC OFF-STREET PARKING



P Publicly Accessible Off-Street Parking Facility