CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL 117884

AN ORDINANCE related to Restricted Parking Zones (RPZs); amending Section 11.16.316 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) to make permanent a pilot program.

WHEREAS, in June 2009, the Council passed Ordinance 123001, enacting Seattle Municipal Code 11.16.316 to authorize a pilot program in Link light rail station areas in southeast Seattle in which employees of businesses and institutions are eligible to receive Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) permits; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) reported to the Council in spring 2013 on the pilot program and to recommend whether it should be continued, made permanent, or discontinued; and

WHEREAS, SDOT has conducted yearly parking occupancy studies noting that the parking thresholds specified in this pilot have not been exceeded; and

WHEREAS, SDOT completed a robust outreach effort in early 2013 to both residents and businesses in the light rail station area RPZs and the vast majority of respondents supported making the pilot program permanent; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the RPZ program achieves the goals of the RPZ program which are: support mixed-use neighborhoods and local business districts; reduce neighborhood traffic impacts by large parking demand generators; reduce overall energy use and vehicle emissions; keep demand by residents and businesses (including institutions) from exceeding available on-street parking spaces in residential areas; and, continue a customer-oriented permit program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 11.16.316 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance 123001, is amended as follows:

SMC 11.16.316 Restricted Parking Zone Permits for Use by Businesses((~~—Pilot~~))

A. The purpose of this section is to authorize the Director of Transportation or his or her designee to ((~~create~~)) <u>administer</u> a specific program for qualified businesses and institutions to

apply for and receive restricted parking zone permits to park in a restricted parking zone that have been or may be created in the Initial Segment LINK Light Rail transit station areas, including Rainier Beach, Othello, Columbia City, Mount Baker, Beacon Hill, SODO and Stadium stations. This is in addition to permits issued to qualified residents in these RPZs.

B. The Director of Transportation or his or her designee is authorized to establish rules and regulations for this ((~~pilot~~)) program, including establishing permit eligibility, application submittal for qualifying businesses and institutions, permit use, and alternate eligibility procedures as needed((~~, following the goals set forth in subsection D~~)).

((~~C. To inform communities about the intended creation of an RPZ in the LINK station areas and to obtain public comment, Seattle Department of Transportation shall convene a series of community meetings for the proposed zones prior to installation.~~))

((~~D. The purpose of the pilot program is to determine whether issuance of RPZ permits to businesses or institutions and their employees assists the Seattle Department of Transportation in reaching the following goals: reduce neighborhood traffic impacts by large parking demand generators; support mixed-use neighborhoods and local business districts; continue to reduce overall energy use and vehicle emissions; keep demand by residents and businesses (including institutions) from exceeding available on-street parking spaces in residential areas; and,~~ implement ~~a customer-oriented permit program.~~))

((~~E~~))C. In order to be issued a restricted parking permit, the permit holder must be an owner, employee, or volunteer of a business or institution within or adjacent to an RPZ boundary. Property owners for a business or institution within or adjacent to an RPZ boundary can also obtain one permit per owner.

((~~F~~))D. Permit holders who violate this section or the RPZ program rules may have their permit revoked and may be excluded from obtaining future permits.

((~~G. The Director of Transportation or his or her designee shall present a report to the City Council two (2) and four (4) years after the pilot program becomes effective. The report~~

~~shall evaluate the pilot program relative to goals listed in subsection D. The biennial reports are intended to assist Council in determining whether to continue the program for qualified businesses and institutions located within the RPZs in the Initial Segment LINK Light Rail transit station areas, including Rainier Beach, Othello, Columbia City, Mount Baker, Beacon Hill, SODO and Stadium stations.~~))

((~~H~~))E. ((~~The Seattle Department of Transportation will annually monitor and survey RPZs established under this pilot to determine utilization of parking spaces by residents and area businesses and institutions within each of the pilot RPZs.~~)) The Seattle Department of Transportation shall cease to renew RPZ permits for businesses and institutions in the next RPZ cycle for an RPZ, excluding the SODO and Stadium station RPZs, when any ((~~the annual~~)) monitoring or surveying of the RPZ indicate that twenty-five (25) percent or more of streets within any particular RPZ have the following conditions: (1) at least seventy-five (75) percent of the capacity of the street available for parking is generally occupied and (2) more than thirty-five (35) percent of the vehicles parked on the street are owned by non-residents of the designated area. In this subsection, the term "non-resident" includes businesses, ((~~and~~)) institutions, and their employees and volunteers located in the area.

((~~I. The pilot program is intended to be in place no longer than four (4) years after its creation. In determining whether to continue the pilot, either as a pilot or permanent program, or discontinue it at the end of the four year period, the Council will consider the Seattle Department of Transportation biennial reports.~~))

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2013, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2013.

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President _____of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2013.

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Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2013.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Form revised: December 12, 2012

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:
AN ORDINANCE related to Restricted Parking Zones (RPZs); amending Section 11.16.316 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) to make permanent a pilot program.

Summary of the Legislation:
Related to the City's Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) program, this Ordinance proposes changes to the Seattle Municipal Code to make permanent the authority to issue RPZ permits to eligible businesses and institutions in the five Southeast Seattle Link Light Rail station area RPZs.

Background:
The four-year pilot program to allow businesses in the five Southeast Seattle Link Light Rail station areas has been a success. SDOT has done annual studies showing that there continues to be ample room on the street for residents and customers to park. SDOT has done extensive outreach in Southeast Seattle earlier in the year in anticipation of this legislation. The results confirm ongoing support by residents for businesses to continue to receive permits. The outreach also confirmed the importance of these permits to the operation of Southeast Seattle businesses.

_X_ **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

Other Implications:

a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
The RPZ permit fee is intended to cover the costs of operating and administering the RPZ program. None of the changes envisioned as a result of this legislation are anticipated to have enough of a resulting fiscal impact to result in adjustments to the RPZ fee schedule.

b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
None.

c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No.

d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** None.

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?
No.

h) Other Issues:
N/A.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

None.

City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

August 13, 2013

Honorable Sally J. Clark
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Clark:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill that revises the City's Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) program. The proposed bill is intended to support local neighborhood business districts by making the issuance of RPZ permits permanent to eligible businesses and institutions in the Sound Transit Link Light Rail station areas.

The four-year pilot program to allow RPZ permits to be issued to businesses and institutions in the five Southeast Seattle Link Light Rail station areas has been a success. This proposed bill makes the program permanent. Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has done annual studies showing that there continues to be ample room on the street for residents and customers to park. SDOT has done extensive outreach in Southeast Seattle earlier in the year in anticipation of this legislation, and the results confirm ongoing support by residents for businesses to continue to receive permits. The outreach also confirmed the importance of these permits to the operation of southeast Seattle businesses. If in the future (consistent with SMC 11.16.316), parking occupancy limits in one of the five zones are exceeded, SDOT will cease to renew RPZ business permits in that zone.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Ruth Harper, 684-4103.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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