

Resolution No. 31139

A RESOLUTION Requesting the continued policy review of the Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) program by the Seattle Department of Transportation and a report back to Council on implementation of the revised RPZ program components established by Ordinance 123001 as well as additional options related to progressive pricing of RPZ permits for both residents and businesses, increased thresholds for establishment of an RPZ, and additional means to manage the number of permits issued to non-residents.

The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

Resolution sponsored by: Jan Drago

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WHEREAS, in 1979, Ordinance 108354 established the Restricted Parking Zone program, which for many years was known generally as the residential parking zone program, to help ease parking congestion in residential neighborhoods, and Ordinance 122853 amended the resident identification permit fees to cover the increased cost of administration; and

WHEREAS, restricted parking zones are often located adjacent to generators of high traffic demand, such as universities, high schools, hospitals, transit stations or stops, and business districts in order to limit the impact of employees, transit commuters, and students parking their vehicles for lengthy time periods and thereby using parking that might otherwise be used by residents and area visitors; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) initiated a major policy review starting in 2007 to redesign the existing RPZ program to better achieve the City of Seattle's goals in areas of parking management, transportation, economic development, social equity, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Ordinance 123001 making changes to the RPZ program that address many but not all of the identified issues coming out of SDOT's major policy review;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

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1 July 1, 2010 on additional potential changes in the RPZ program including policies and
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15 analysis of the following issues and provide recommendations in a report to the City Council by
16 July 1, 2011 on additional potential changes in the RPZ program including policies and
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18 Ordinance 123001 on a neighborhood's ability to successfully establish or modify an
19 RPZ zone; specifically the increase in minimum size from 5 contiguous city blocks (or 10 blocks
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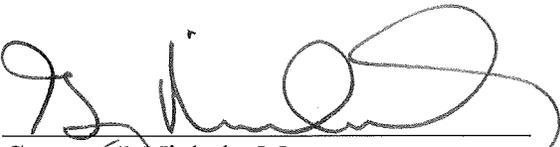
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Adopted by the City Council the 8^m day of June, 2009, and signed by me
in open session in authentication of its adoption this 8ⁿ day
of June, 2009.



President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:



Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 9th day of June, 2009.



Acting City Clerk

(Seal)



FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	DOF Analyst/Phone:
Legislative	Norm Schwab x4-9292	n/a

Legislation Title:

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

Related to the City's Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) program, this Resolution proposes that the Seattle Department of Transportation conduct additional analysis of the following issues and provide recommendations in a report to the City Council on additional potential changes in the RPZ program, policies and procedures relating to:

- a. Consideration of imposing a progressive fee structure for resident RPZ permits with steep increases in cost after the first one or two permits to better manage utilization of limited curb space in RPZs;
- b. Consideration of means to manage the number of non-resident RPZ permits for qualified businesses and institutions in the Initial Segment LINK Light Rail transit station areas, including a progressive fee structure that may be calibrated differently than for resident RPZ permits; and
- c. Effect of the imposition of increased requirements for establishment of an RPZ zone in Ordinance _____ on the ability of neighborhoods to successfully create an RPZ zone; specifically the increase in minimum size from 5 contiguous city blocks (or 10 block faces) to 10 contiguous city blocks (or 20 block faces) and the increase from a minimum of 25% non-resident parked cars to 35%; and any recommendations on whether or not it is advisable to keep or reduce these thresholds.

Items a. and b. above are to be reported to the Council by July 1, 2010 and item c. above is to be reported by July 1, 2011.

- **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

The RPZ program designates on-street parking for residents, their guests, service vehicles, and



short-term visitor parking to reduce traffic impacts from nearby major institutions, transit stations, and business districts. As of March 2009, SDOT maintains 27 RPZs and issues approximately 17,000 permits. In 2007, SDOT initiated a major policy review to revise the RPZ program, last reviewed in 1994. Staff collected other cities' best practices and gathered community input. Current RPZ policy and technical requirements have, in some situations, fallen short of capturing complexities of business and residential districts' parking issues.

In mid-2008, SDOT conducted an extensive public engagement effort to gather feedback on draft recommendations. Staff received over 500 email comments and attended 15 community meetings in and around RPZ areas.

Based on review of public comments and best parking management practices, SDOT finalized and concurrently released the Final RPZ Policy Review Recommendations in mid-April 2009.

- *Please check one of the following:*

X This legislation does not have any financial implications.

Note: this legislation does not change the RPZ program appropriations included in the 2009 Adopted & 2010 Endorsed Budget. The studies requested can be accomplished using existing staff and budget authority.

STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY

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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

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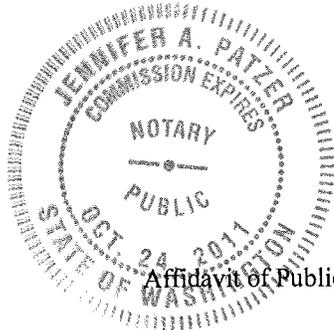
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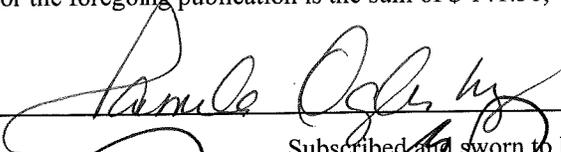
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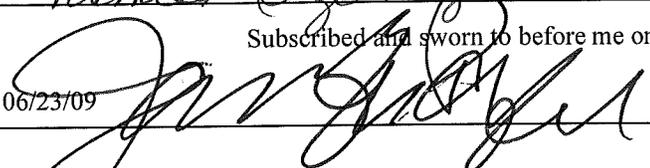
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WHEREAS, restricted parking zones are often located adjacent to generators of high traffic demand, such as universities, high schools, hospitals, transit stations or stops, and business districts in order to limit the impact of employees, transit commuters, and students parking their vehicles for lengthy time periods and thereby using parking that might otherwise be used by residents and area visitors; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) initiated a major policy review starting in 2007 to redesign the existing RPZ program to better achieve the City of Seattle's goals in areas of parking management, transportation, economic development, social equity, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Ordinance _____ making changes to the RPZ program that address many but not all of the identified issues coming out of SDOT's major policy review;

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_____ on a neighborhood's ability to successfully establish or modify an RPZ zone, specifically the increase in minimum size from 5 contiguous city blocks (or 10 block faces) to 10 contiguous city blocks (or 20 block faces) and the increase from a minimum of 25% non-resident parked cars to 35%; and any recommendations on whether or not it is advisable to keep or reduce these thresholds.

Adopted by the City Council the 8th day of June, 2009, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 8th day of June, 2009.

Richard Conlin

President of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING: Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 9th day of June, 2009.

(Seal) Judith Pippin, City Clerk

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