

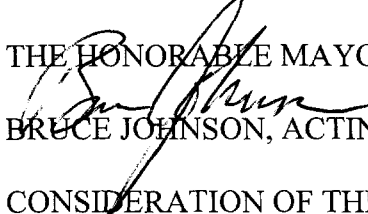
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## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** OCTOBER 20, 2011

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:**  BRUCE JOHNSON, ACTING CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION OF THE CREATION OF AN OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT IN BROOKVILLE SEMINARY VALLEY

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**ISSUE:** City Council consideration of creation of an overnight parking district in Brookville Seminary Valley.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council approve an overnight parking district in Brookville Seminary Valley in the 17 blocks discussed below, which would be in effect from midnight to 6:00 a.m., 7 days a week.

**BACKGROUND:** In April 2005, City Council enacted an ordinance to allow overnight regulated on-street parking districts. The ordinance enabled communities to petition the City to create such districts when there is a need to address quality-of-life issues, such as littering, noise pollution, blocked driveways, and speeding traffic created by overflow parking from multi-family residential complexes.

The Brookville Seminary Valley neighborhood has requested that Council consider certain blocks in their community for an overnight parking district. Staff reviewed the Brookville Seminary Valley neighborhood request and determined that the neighborhood meets the requirements established in the code for implementation of an overnight parking district. The Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board held a hearing on the request on September 26 and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the neighborhood request. Specifically, the following requirements were met:

1. All property within the proposed district is zoned for residential use;
2. There are no properties that are included within a residential permit parking district;
3. There is a minimum of 200 on-street parking spaces;
4. The residents submitted a petition signed by over two-thirds of the residents abutting each block face in the proposed district;
5. A survey was conducted and found that over 25 percent of the vehicles parked within the proposed district did not display a valid City of Alexandria license plate or windshield tag or decal; and

6. The Traffic and Parking Board conducted a hearing on September 26, 2011, and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the district to the City Council.

**DISCUSSION:** Brookville Seminary Valley would be the second City neighborhood in which the City would create an overnight parking district. Although the proposed district is not expected to entirely eliminate over flow parking, the proposed district is expected to address many of the quality-of-life issues associated with overflow parking by reducing the number of vehicles not registered in the City, which are parked in the community overnight. The affected streets within the proposed district are:

1. The 900 and 1000 blocks of Paxton Street;
2. The 1000 and 1100 blocks of Palmer Place;
3. The 900 block of Peele Place;
4. The 500, 600, 700 and 1000 blocks of Pelham Street;
5. Pender Court;
6. The 5200 and 5300 blocks of Polk Avenue;
7. The 5200 and 5300 blocks of Richenbacher Avenue;
8. The 5300 block of Taney Avenue;
9. The 5300 block of Truman Avenue; and,
10. The 1000 block of Vail Street.

Once created, the overnight parking district will restrict parking to only those vehicles with a current City of Alexandria vehicle registration decal between midnight and 6:00 a.m., 7 days a week. Specifically, Section 5-8-82 *Restricted overnight parking districts* of the City Code states the following:

- a. Prohibited parking. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle within any block face which is posted with one or more restricted overnight parking district signs contrary to any of the conditions set forth on the sign, unless the vehicle displays a valid City of Alexandria license plate, windshield tag or decal issued pursuant to section 3-2-321, *et seq.*, of this code, or guest or visitor permit issues pursuant to this section; and
- b. Parking restrictions. Restricted overnight parking district signs shall prohibit parking by motor vehicles which do not display a valid City of Alexandria license plate, windshield tag or decal issued pursuant to section 3-2-321, *et seq.*, of this code, or a guest or visitor permit issued pursuant to this section, during the posted overnight hours between midnight and 6:00 a.m. the following morning. As used in this section, parking means the stopping or standing of a motor vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading and unloading of the vehicle;

Residents who have overnight guests may obtain temporary permits for visitors' vehicles from the Treasury Division during normal business hours. As the City's new on-line visitor's parking permit program is expanded, it will be programmed to encompass overnight parking districts. The visitor permit is valid for a maximum of 30 days at a cost of \$5.00 per permit. The visitor

permit is not renewable, and no more than two visitor permits will be issued to the same residence at the same time.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Sign fabrication is estimated to cost under \$1,500 with annual maintenance costs of less than \$200 and will be funded from existing Department of Transportation and Environmental Services resources.

The Police Department would be responsible for enforcement of the parking restriction. The Department only has limited parking enforcement staff on duty from midnight to 6 a.m., seven days a week. Unless City Council is willing to accept a degradation of parking enforcement elsewhere in the City, Police would need funding for an additional parking enforcement officer position. There are currently 5 unfunded parking enforcement officer positions in the Police Department that were unfunded as part of budget reductions in FY 2011. The estimated cost to fund one of these positions for 7 months in FY 2012 is \$28,600 for salary and benefits and \$20,500 for uniforms and equipment, including a mobile data browser and a radio. Although the Police Department has requested one, the new position would not be assigned a new vehicle, but would utilize one of the vehicles that is used during the day shift. It should be noted that the increased usage of the vehicle would shorten the useful life. FY 2012 costs in the amount of \$49,100 would be funded with reappropriated surplus FY 2011 general funds, assuming City Council approval. The City Manager's Proposed FY 2013 operating budget would need to include the full year costs of the position (\$49,000) and a small increase to the Department's equipment replacement funding for the eventual replacement of the radio, mobile data browser and vehicle. Staff would monitor the effectiveness of one additional staff person to provide adequate enforcement, as well as the sharing of the vehicle, and return to City Council in the context of the FY 2013 budget process to request additional resources, if necessary.

It is my recommendation that if City Council approves this overnight parking district, it also approve funding for an additional parking enforcement officer. In addition to overnight enforcement in this particular area, there may be other nighttime enforcement efforts that could be undertaken with this resource.

**STAFF:**

Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager  
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**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** Geoffrey Goodale <geoff.goodale@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2011 5:05 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Kerry Donley; Frank Fannon; Alicia Hughes; Rob Krupicka; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg  
**Cc:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Docket Item No. 14 (Overnight Parking District): Comments of the BSVCA Board of Directors  
**Attachments:** BSVCA Comments on Overnight Parking District (10-25-2011).pdf

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

The Board of Directors of Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc. ("BSVCA") submits these comments for your consideration regarding Docket Item No. 14, which pertains to the proposed creation of an overnight parking district from midnight to 6:00 a.m. in certain blocks of Brookville-Seminary Valley ("Overnight Parking District"). As discussed in our attached comments, we urge the City Council to approve the Overnight Parking District.

We request that this e-mail and the attached letter be included in the record relating to this matter. Accordingly, we have copied the City Clerk on this e-mail.

Your consideration of our request is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact me at [geoff.goodale@bsvca.net](mailto:geoff.goodale@bsvca.net) or (703) 618-6640.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey M. Goodale  
President, Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc.

**BROOKVILLE-SEMINARY VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**P.O. Box 23348**  
**Alexandria, VA 22304**

October 25, 2011

Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council  
301 King Street – City Hall  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Overnight Parking District in Certain Blocks of Brookville-Seminary Valley (Docket #14)

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

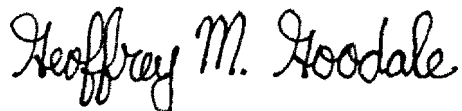
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The BSVCA, which is comprised of individuals from several hundred households in the West End of the City, is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the best interests of Alexandrians in general and residents of Brookville-Seminary Valley in particular. On-street parking can be very difficult to find at night in specific areas in Brookville-Seminary Valley, especially on certain blocks of Paxton Street, Palmer Place, Peele Place, Pelham Street, Pender Court, Polk Avenue, Richenbacher Avenue, Taney Avenue, Truman Avenue, and Vail Street (collectively, the “Brookville-Seminary Valley Blocks”). Frustratingly, numerous parking spaces within the Brookville-Seminary Valley Blocks often seem to be taken at night by cars that do not possess City of Alexandria decals. In view of these facts, many people living within the boundaries of the Brookville-Seminary Valley Blocks signed a petition requesting the creation of the proposed Overnight Parking District (the “Petition”).

City staff reviewed the Petition, conducted analysis of the issues raised in it, and concluded that all of the requirements set forth under Section 5-8-82 of the City Code for the creation of an overnight parking district were satisfied. Consequently, City staff recommended that the requested Overnight Parking District be created, and at its hearing on September 26, 2011, the Traffic and Parking Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Overnight Parking District to Council. Subsequently, in his memorandum to Council, dated October 20, 2011, the Acting City Manager recommended that the Overnight Parking District be approved.

For the reasons discussed above, we urge Council to approve the Overnight Parking District. Your consideration of our request is greatly appreciated, and if you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 618-6640 or [geoff.goodale@bsvca.net](mailto:geoff.goodale@bsvca.net).

Respectfully submitted,




Geoffrey M. Goodale  
President, Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc.

long term needs of vulnerable families. This year the Chapter helped served more than 350 families in need.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is a community-conscious, action-oriented organization committed to effectively and compassionately meeting the needs of the communities it serves. Our Chapter focuses on empowering leaders to make an impact on vulnerable communities in Alexandria and Arlington through the March of Dimes, Read Across America, civic empowerment activities and by providing direct community support to various organizations including ALIVE! Inc. and Community Lodgings. The members of the Alexandria, Virginia Chapter are committed to improving the quality of life in our local communities, while embracing the transitions needed to meet the challenges of the new millennium. For more information, visit [www.nuxizeta.org](http://www.nuxizeta.org).

Sincerely,



Krysta Jones, President  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
Nu Xi Zeta Chapter

**Cc: Monica Reid, Social Action Chair**  
**Kisha Dyson, Service Chair**

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**Jackie Henderson**

**From:** Shirley Downs <shirelydowns@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2011 12:58 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones  
**Subject:** COA Contact Us: Thanks for the New Evening Parking District  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

**COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members**

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**Subject:** Thanks for the New Evening Parking District  
To All the Council Members and their Aides

The residents of the  
Brookville Seminary Valley Community are very grateful for the positive  
support you  
displayed in voting unanimously for our Overnight Parking  
District. While this will not solve all of our  
problems it is a good  
start. Thank you for listening to us and, and supporting us. We hope and  
believe  
that this will make a difference in the problems we face.

**Comments:**  
We  
will continue to support your efforts to provide appropriate parking  
enforcement personnel and  
technical assistance in the form of the chalk  
machine and the implementation of software to make  
securing parking guest  
passes and other user-friendly services available.  
We will also continue  
to work with City Staff on issues such as parking signs for the areas where

there are  
no homes but there is space utilized for parking opposite

homes, and offer suggestions for improvements  
in areas such as reviewing

and improving the definition of commercial vehicles, and assistance that

might be provided to the owners of commercial vehicles to make their

lives easier while simultaneously  
providing assistance to neighborhoods

such as ours.

We, your constituents, are very pleased at this progress

and look forward to continued positive  
experiences with you and City

Staff as we address future traffic and parking issues.

Thank you again

for your support.

Sincerely,

Shirley Downs