



Berkeley City Council

CONSENT CALENDAR  
December 13, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Jesse Arreguín and Gordon Wozniak  
Subject: Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Saturday Enforcement

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the City Manager to:

1. Evaluate which streets adjacent to commercial districts but within current RPP zones do not currently have Saturday RPP enforcement, and;
2. Request that RPP enforcement be extended to Saturday on those streets adjacent to commercial districts that do not currently have Saturday enforcement. If further Council action is necessary, the Council requests that the City Manager report back with information on what streets adjacent to commercial districts are not currently covered by Saturday enforcement and with a recommendation for Council to discuss and take action on.
3. As part of this evaluation, the City Manager should also look at extending the areas where double fines on Saturday football game days would be required to Areas I, J, K, C and F.

BACKGROUND:

There are 14 RPP zones in the City of Berkeley. Vehicles in these areas are limited to 2 hour parking unless a residential parking permit is affixed to the vehicle. In most RPP zones, RPP regulations are enforced from Monday through Friday and not on Saturdays. However, a few RPP zones (RPP Zones A, B, D and K and some streets in Area E) have Saturday enforcement (*See attached map illustrating which RPP zones have Saturday enforcement*). These RPP zones are in North Berkeley and in the Southeast area of Berkeley.

Some of the purposes of the RPP program are to reduce the impact of short-term parking on residential neighborhoods, minimize traffic and greenhouse gases, and make parking available for residents, particularly in neighborhoods adjacent to commercial districts. The Legislative Findings for the RPP Ordinance in B.M.C. Section 14.72.020(A) further describes the some of the purposes of the ordinance:

*“The Council further finds that one factor that has detracted from the safety, health and attractiveness of neighborhoods and other residential areas of the City is the excessive and burdensome practice of nonresidents of certain areas and neighborhoods parking their motor vehicles for extended periods of time therein. Since there is in Berkeley at any one time a large surplus of motor vehicles over available on and off-street parking spaces, this condition detracts from a healthy and complete urban environment. A system of preferential resident parking will serve to reduce a number of strains on residents of the City and thus promote the general public welfare.”*

Some of the RPP zones that are significantly impacted by short term parking are not covered by Saturday RPP enforcement. The impacts of visitors parking in on-street parking in adjacent neighborhoods, particularly by employees and people patronizing businesses, are even more significant on weekends since most people do not work and visit commercial districts for eating, shopping and entertainment. This results in more traffic, more cars, and more people competing for parking; with no Saturday RPP enforcement in RPP zones adjacent to commercial districts, there is often very little on street parking for the residents who live on that street, causing some residents to park longer distances from their homes or circle the block several times to find parking, which creates impacts in terms of traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.

There is always a need to strike a balance between maintaining an available supply of parking for residents and visitors. This is probably why there is no Saturday enforcement in Area I, which covers most of the Downtown and Telegraph commercial district. However there are residential streets in Area I that are outside of Shattuck, Telegraph and other major corridors where some Saturday enforcement should be explored.

Additionally, Area C is an area west of MLK where employees and visitors patronizing Downtown or University Avenue businesses often park. Area E is in between the Downtown and the North Shattuck commercial district. Area J is near the Adeline, Shattuck and Telegraph corridors and Berkeley Bowl. In all of these districts there is a large amount of visitors parking on streets where there is RPP restricted parking, since they are right next to major corridors and businesses. But since there is no Saturday enforcement, residents who live on those streets have no relief from visitors taking up on street parking spaces and from traffic impacts.

Some streets right next to major corridors are already designated 2 hour and RPP. Some two hour parking should be made available on Saturdays adjacent to commercial districts, but at the same time, RPP restrictions should also be enforced.

In order to further the goals of the RPP program, to provide relief to residents adjacent to major commercial districts from parking and traffic impacts, the City Manager should evaluate which streets adjacent to commercial districts in RPP zones are not covered by Saturday enforcement and recommend to Council that Saturday enforcement be extended. There will be additional staff costs associated with increasing enforcement; however those costs could be offset to some degree by revenue from citations.

Additionally, in 2007 the City Council established a pilot program in Areas A, B, D whereby the City would issue double fines on Saturday football game days for any vehicles that do not have a RPP sticker. In 2008 Council made the program permanent, and also requested that the City Manager evaluate requiring double fines in other areas such as Areas I, J and K. However, the game day double fines have not be extended to any other RPP zones. As part of this evaluation, the City Manager should also look at extending the areas where double fines on Saturday football game days would be required to Areas I, J, K, C and F.

Additionally, if the city decides to go forward with any additional RPP enforcement, it should adequately notify residents of any changes and ensure that new signage is clear and unambiguous, prominently highlighting the fact that a change has occurred so people who otherwise abide by parking regulations do not mistakenly get tickets.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Unknown. Some staff time will be involved in researching and evaluating which streets adjacent to commercial districts do not have Saturday RPP enforcement and extending Saturday football game day double fines in certain RPP zones. If further Council action is needed, some staff time will be involved in researching and preparing a report for Council consideration. Additionally, if implemented additional staff time may be dedicated for increased parking enforcement however some of the costs may be offset by revenue from parking citations.

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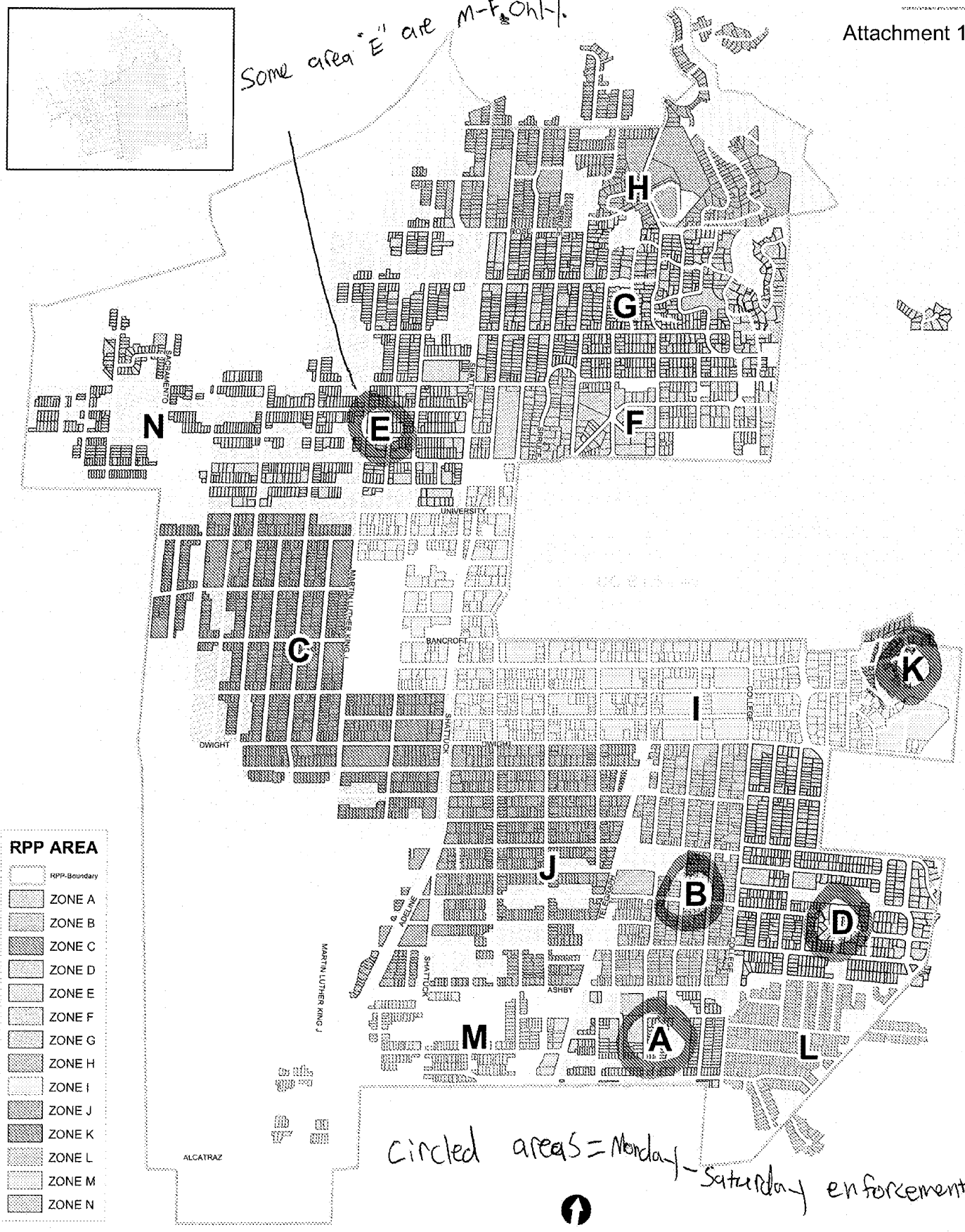
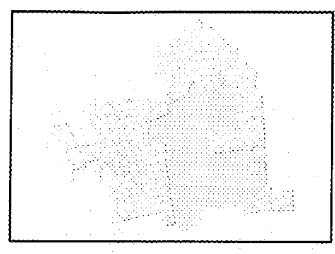
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Attachments:

1. Map of RPP zones showing which zones currently have Saturday enforcement
2. November 18, 2008 report from Councilmember Wozniak requesting evaluation of additional zones where Saturday football game day double fines could be imposed

Some area "E" are M-F only.



- RPP AREA**
- RPP-Boundary
  - ZONE A
  - ZONE B
  - ZONE C
  - ZONE D
  - ZONE E
  - ZONE F
  - ZONE G
  - ZONE H
  - ZONE I
  - ZONE J
  - ZONE K
  - ZONE L
  - ZONE M
  - ZONE N

circled areas = Monday - Saturday enforcement.

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT STUDY BOUNDARIES RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING - AREA MAP

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CONSENT CALENDAR  
November 18, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Gordon Wozniak, City Council  
Subject: Feasibility of Double Parking Fines on UC Berkeley Football Game Days In RPP Areas That Are Not Currently Enforced on Saturdays

RECOMMENDATION

Ask the City Manager to look into the feasibility of doubling parking fines in Residential Parking Permit (RPP) areas affected by UC Berkeley football game days that are not part of the Game Day Double Fine Program that was made permanent at the September 16, 2008 Council meeting. An extended double fine program might include RPP zones I, J, and K located South of the UC Berkeley campus that are not currently enforced on Saturdays and any other RPP areas that the City Manager feels are impacted by game day parking issues. It is requested that the City Manager report back to the council by April 2009, such that the City will have ample time to implement recommendations before the 2009 UC Berkeley football season begins.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Staff time to do study of options.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

With the success of UC Berkeley's football team, many games have 50,000 or more attendees. Although mass transit options like BART and AC Transit are available and promoted, a large fraction of out-of town patrons drive in private automobiles. Due to the lack of garage parking around the South of campus and the low parking fines, many of these vehicles park in the neighborhood RPP zones. This results in a great inconvenience to residents in these neighborhoods. Parking fines are about \$35, which is not sufficient to deter, extended game day parking. As evidenced by the \$60-\$100 fraternities, sororities, and other entities charge for game day parking. A \$35 RPP parking ticket is a fee significantly less than what the market will bear.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

At the September 16, 2008 Council meeting resolution No. 64,192-N.S. was adopted, permanently instituting the 2007 pilot program to double parking fines RPP areas in the South campus RPP areas A, B, and D, on UC Berkeley football home game days. RPP areas A, B, and D are currently enforced on Saturdays. However, RPP areas I, J and K which are also located within close proximity of Memorial Stadium, are not enforced on Saturdays. The goal of double fines is to discourage out-of town game patrons from

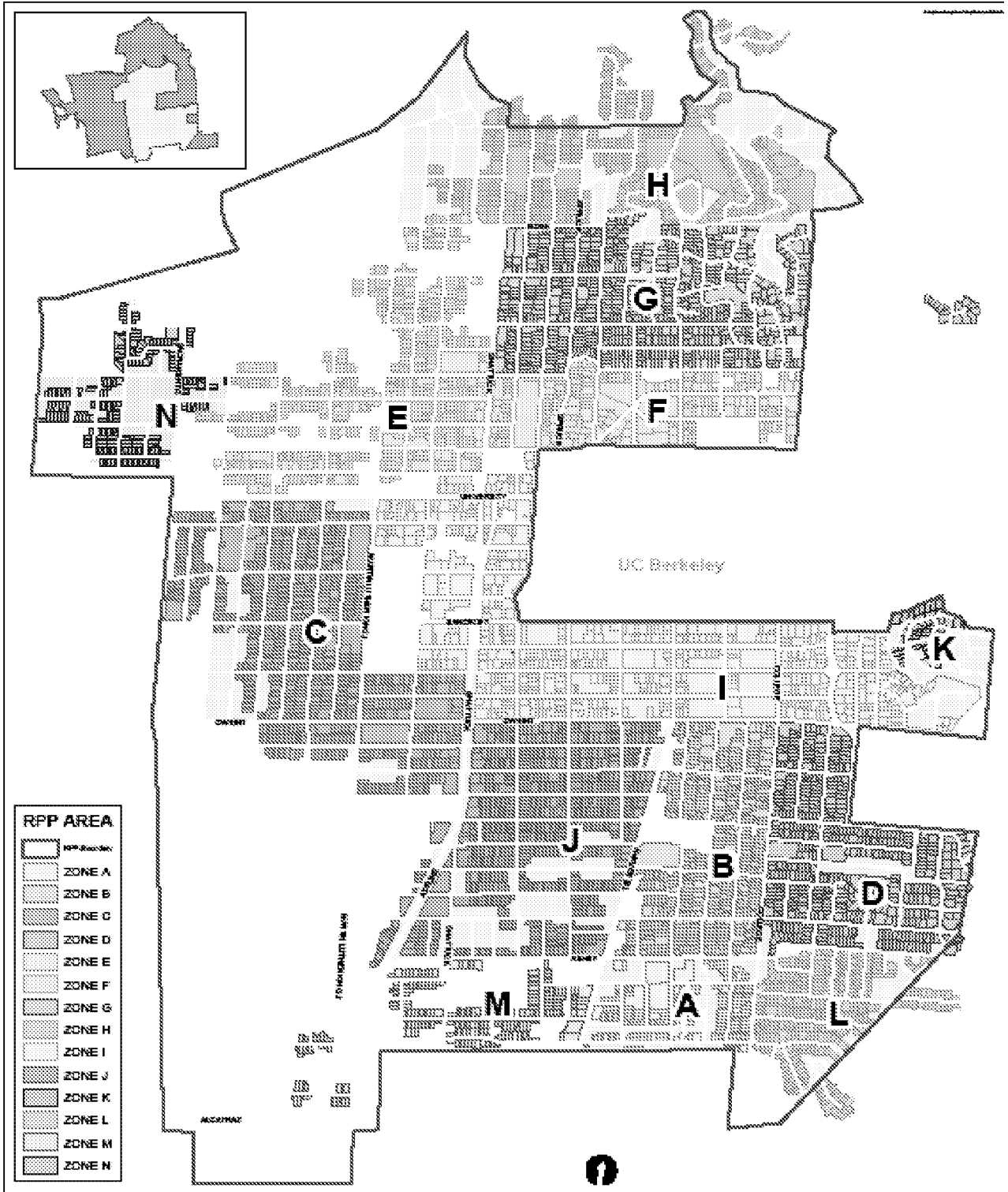
parking in the residential neighborhoods, encourage visiting game patrons to take mass transit, and mitigate the impact of game days on residents. Therefore, council would also request that the City Manager investigate the feasibility of including other RPP areas in the City where parking is impacted on UC Berkeley football game days for inclusion in the game day double fine program.

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Attachments:

1: Map of City RPP Area



**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT STUDY BOUNDARIES  
RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING - AREA MAP**



