



CITY COUNCIL
Linda Maio

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 28, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Jesse Arreguin and Councilmember Linda Maio

SUBJECT: Increasing the Parking Permit Guidelines for Two BUSD Schools with Limited Access to Public Transit

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Manager to increase the guidelines used to grant residential permit parking to BUSD schools from 60% to 70% of the number of BUSD staff (includes teachers) for schools more than 1/2 mile from a BART Station, or 1/4 mile from a Rapid Transit Stop, or 1/4 mile from two (2) major transit lines.

BACKGROUND:

This recommendation will be able to address serious parking impacts for Emerson School as described by its Principal (Susan Hodge) at a recent 2x2 Committee meeting. John Muir School would also be eligible for allocation increase from 60% to 70% under the proposed policy (see below). The recommendation was discussed at the 2x2 Committee, attended by City transportation staff and the City Manager. The 10% increase will amount to an addition of approximately five additional parking permits.

Given that there are parking issues at most of the BUSD schools, the 2x2 Committee will continue to work within the 2x2 structure, along with City staff, on ways in which we can address the parking needs of our schools while also being sensitive to neighborhood impacts. In addition, staff will be looking into allowing the acquisition of some commercial yellow zone permits for BUSD maintenance staff. It was also requested, as we pursue parking issues, that the Superintendent will share with us the District's program(s) for incentives staff to utilize public transit.

Neighborhood Serving Community Facility (NSCF) Process

- Every September, NSCFs apply for permits for staff. Per Berkeley Municipal Code, the number of permits may be no more than 60% of the number of employees.
- Part time staff (under 30 hrs./week) count as ½ of an employee for purposes of determining 60% figure.
- Off-Street Parking available to NSCF staff is subtracted from the 60% figure.
- BMC also requires that we take into account the impact on residents with respect to parking. This has caused us to effectively cap the number of

permits allocated in area E as the blocks bounded by Cedar, MLK, University and Shattuck are particularly impacted.

- We also do not issue permits to NSCFs in area I due to severely limited RPP parking availability in area I.
- Permits are allocated by the facility administration using whatever criteria they choose.

BMC 14.72.105 Neighborhood-serving community facility permits.

- A. The Department of Finance may issue neighborhood-serving community facility enterprise permits with a term not to exceed one year subject to the requirements set forth in this section and in administrative rules and regulations issued pursuant to this chapter.
- B. A neighborhood-serving community facility parking permit may be issued to representatives of the following neighborhood-serving community facilities: churches, schools, and senior centers. The issuance of permit can occur no sooner than 30 days after implementation of a residential permit parking area and the following criteria shall be used in establishing eligibility of an enterprise and the number of permits to be issued any enterprise:
 1. An enterprise for which there is inadequate off-street parking and no financially feasible way of creating adequate off-street parking on the site of the enterprise;
 2. An enterprise for which there is no off-street parking available nearby for lease or rental;
 3. The total number of permits issued under no circumstances exceeds the number representing 60% of the enterprise's employees;
 4. Distribution of permits shall be through a designated representative of the enterprise who will be responsible for allocation of the permits to employees, or in the case of the senior centers, to users of the enterprise; and
 5. Degree of impact on parking conditions for residents and merchants in the area. (Ord. 6762-NS § 4 (part), 2003: Ord. 5972-NS § 1, 1990: Ord. 5803-NS § 2 (part), 1987)

Possible actions for Council to consider:

1. Allow distribution of a limited number of visitor passes to substitute teachers (number based on previous years substitute days).
2. Increase permit allocation to 70% of staff only for BUSD locations not ½ mile from a BART Station or ¼ mile from Rapid Transit Stop or ¼ mile from 2 major transit lines.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No environmental sustainability impact.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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