

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Establishing a residential parking zone to include both sides of Cottage Street, from Whitney Avenue to Livingston Street (Alder Anna Festa)

REPORT: 1538-06

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Cottage Street is a residential street in the East Rock neighborhood, running from Whitney Avenue to Foster Street. There are eight homes and two apartment buildings on the block between Whitney Avenue and Livingston Street where a residential parking zone (RPZ) is requested. Although on-street parking is available for the length of the block, some homes do not have a driveway or off-street parking. There are a number of apartment buildings in the vicinity and it is unclear from available information how much on-site parking is provided to apartment complex residents.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The affected street is a residential street in the East Rock neighborhood, proximate to both the Yale Science Hill campus and the Yale shuttle route, making this street a possible parking location for Yale employees and students. RPZ 3, which covers much of East Rock, currently excludes Cottage Street, stopping one block to the south on Livingston Street.

The Transportation, Traffic, and Parking (TTP) Department's threshold for granting an RPZ is 50 percent of residents must request one. In this case, a petition with 73 signatures has been submitted. Due to the density of the block and the presence of two large apartment buildings, it is not clear if this meets the 50 percent threshold or if all signatures are of residents in the affected block.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval. TTP should decide whether it is better to extend the existing RPZ 3 to cover Cottage Street or to create an entirely new RPZ.

ADOPTED: November 15, 2017
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Michael Piscitelli, AICP
Deputy Economic Development Administrator