

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Petition to Designate Atwater Street as a Residential Parking Zone. (Submitted By: David Hunter, Mary Wade Homes)
(Submitted By: Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking)

REPORT: 1593-03

ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding the creation of a residential parking zone along Atwater Street between Grafton Street and Pine Street. In accordance with Section 29-55(a) of Title III, Chapter 29, Article III, Division 1 of the City's Code requires that, **"Upon petition thereto of the residents of a majority of the residences on a block, the board or aldermen [alders] may create a residential parking zone, which shall include, but not be limited to, that block from which said petition originated."**

In this instance, Mary Wade homes owns the homes along the "odd-numbered" side of the street except for one of the properties. These homes are part of Mary Wade's "campus-like" setting for senior living within the City of New Haven. Accordingly, Mary Wade Homes submitted a sign petition because "All residents on the petition agree that on-street parking is scarce on this street and there is need for residents to be able to have parking closer to their residence and opportunity to park in street near their home." The petition further states, "An increase of outsiders and visitors has increased in this area, which in turn is also causing residence to park further out in order to find parking and in turn, creating a safety concern." Recently, there have been an increasing number of public safety concerns.

According to the above referenced ordinance, a majority of the residences on a block may create a residential parking zone which shall include the block from which the petition originated. There are seven (7) properties located along the "odd-numbered" side of Atwater Street of which five (5) property owners signed the petition. This is approximately 71% of the properties along that side of the street. There 15 properties along the entire street between the Grafton Street and the Pine Street; of which, five (5) property owners (including both sides of the street) signed the petition. This is approximately 33% of the property owners along the block.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, **"Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed."** Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposal.

The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:


- Whether the proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- The City's Comprehensive Plan stating, **"Enhance public safety, particularly for the city's most vulnerable users."**

ADVICE

The proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan because it:

- Improves the quality of life.
- Enhances the City's transportation system.
- Mitigates public safety concerns.
- Encourages people to use mass transit to get around.
- Condition(s):
 - Have the petitioners provide a majority of the property owners along the block sign and submit the petition prior to the Board of Alders rendering a decision in accordance with Section 29-55(a) of Title III, Chapter 29, Article III, Division 1 of the City's Code.

ADOPTED: November 3, 2021
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Executive Director, City Plan Department