

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS- A petition to expand the Residential Parking Zone along Morris Street between Lamberton Street and the Railroad Tracks along the even side of the street. (Submitted By: Residents of Morris Street)

REPORT: 1593-04

ADVICE: Approve.

BACKGROUND

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding expansion of a residential parking zone along Morris Street between Lamberton Street and the railroad tracks along the even side of the street. In accordance 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, a petition has been submitted and signed because "There continues to be an increase in non-residents who take up all the parking spaces in the area and the residents are left with nowhere to park." The petition further states, "We believe a residential parking zone will be of great help to ease parking issues for the residents what are presently struggling with the parking on the even side."

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 six (6) properties located along the even side of Morris Street of which four (4) property owners signed the petition. This is approximately 67% of the properties along that side of the street. There 14 properties along the entire street between the Lamberton Street and the Railroad Tracks; of which, 6 property owners (including both sides of the street) signed the petition. This is approximately 43% 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 may:

- Improve the quality of life.
- Enhance the City's transportation system.
- Encourage 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