

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Approving a residential parking zone on South Water Street between Harbour Close and Sea Street. (Alder Dolores Colon)
REPORT: 1520-08
ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Twenty-three residents of South Water Street have signed a petition asking that a Residential Parking Zone be established on South Water Street from Harbour Close to Sea Street. The petition states that “this would be of a great benefit to the neighborhood since there is presently a serious shortage of on-street parking for area residents due to commercial construction and other non-residential activities in the area.”

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Within the proposed zone, parking is currently permitted on both sides of the street with no parking meters or posted restrictions. The north side of South Water Street is occupied by private residences, ranging from single- to three-family homes, some with no available off-street parking. The south side of the street is occupied by mostly commercial properties, as well as the Sound School, all of which have at least some off-street parking. The neighborhood is constrained by New Haven Harbor to the south and east and by the Harbor Landing Condominium complex to the west, limiting the number of proximate spaces available to South Water Street residents if patrons of the street’s commercial businesses utilize available street parking. Because of the commercial businesses’ available parking and the lack of other options for residents, a residential parking zone would seem appropriate for this neighborhood.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval in a manner consistent with the Transportation, Traffic, and Parking Department’s City-wide approach to residential parking management.

ADOPTED: July 20, 2016
Adam Marchand
Acting Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director