

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ELLIOTT STREET BETWEEN SYLVAN AND DAVENPORT AVENUES,
Establishment of a Residential Parking Zone (Alderswoman James-Evans).
REPORT: 1448-08
ADVICE: Leave to Withdraw; Approval of Substitute Order or letter

BACKGROUND

In behalf of her constituents, Alderswoman Jacqueline James-Evans (Ward 3) has petitioned the Board of Aldermen to designate a Residential Parking Zone on Elliott Street between Sylvan and Davenport Avenues in the upper Hill. This street falls within the established Residential Zone #14 which encompasses a large part of the northern Hill area bounded by Legion Avenue and South Frontage Road to the north, Grasso Boulevard to the west, Washington Avenue and Spring Street on the south and Union Avenue and Church Street south to the east. Within it are areas which have already been posted for residential parking by the Traffic Authority. The zone was first approved by the Board of Aldermen for Minor Street in 2001 (CPC 1305-01, 05/30/01), followed by expansion to include Ward, Vernon, Sylvan and Congress area (CPC 1311-13, 10/17/01), then Minor, Vernon, and Ward (CPC 1359-03, 11/17/04) and Daggett Street in 2008 (1423-12, 12/17/08).

Residential parking zones are permitted under Section 29-55 of the Code of Ordinances when a majority of residents on a block petition the Board of Aldermen to resolve a parking problem in a residential neighborhood. The Board of Aldermen is empowered to designate a zone for residential parking, and the Traffic Authority determines where to post streets within the zone for residential parking as the need arises.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS


Alderswoman James has expressed concern that there is a serious shortage of on-street parking for residents where many homes do not have driveways and where parking spaces on the street are constantly taken by visitors and employees of nearby medical and non-profit institutions. The Commission is sympathetic with the residents who have petitioned the Board of Aldermen in the appropriate manner but notes that the area which they request to be designated a residential parking zone already has such status. The Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking should review the petition and prepare an application to the New Haven Traffic Authority to post Elliott Street for residential parking if it is warranted.

ADVICE

The Commission recommends that the matter be given Leave to Withdraw and that a substitute Order or letter be drafted requesting the posting of Elliott Street between Sylvan and Davenport Avenues for residential parking within RPZ #14.

ADOPTED: January 19, 2011
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST:


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Executive Director