

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** extending Residential Parking Zone 2 to include the nonpermitted unrestricted parking section on the north side of Huntington Street, running down from, but not including 23 Huntington Street to Whitney Avenue. (Submitted by: Alder Kimberly Edwards, 19th Ward)

REPORT: **1586-06**

ADVICE: **No Advice**

BACKGROUND

The residents of Huntington Street in the area and First Presbyterian Church located in the Prospect Hill neighborhood, submitted a petition to the Board of Alders to include the currently nonpermitted unrestricted parking section on the north side of Huntington street, running down from, but not including 23 Huntington Street to Whitney Avenue. According to the residents, this small section was not included when the permit parking zone was first established on Huntington St, as the church believed at the time that the absence of restrictions would provide more parking flexibility for people visiting the church. The residents have stated that this nonzoned stretch of Huntington Street is being used as a parking lot for people who commute from elsewhere and then pick up the Yale Shuttle that stops on Huntington Street across from the church. Residents find it increasingly difficult to find parking on the street and live with the inconvenience of having to find parking further away from their homes.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Residents have complained of parking shortages. 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 32 signatures from 32 different addresses were submitted. Yet, out of the 17 properties on both sides of Huntington Street on the section bounded by Whitney Ave and Edgehill Rd., 6 properties have signed the petition.

ADVICE

City ordinance requires any party requesting the establishment of a Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) to demonstrate that over 50% of residents on specific blocks are in favor of establishment. The petition includes 6 signatures from 6 different addresses out of a total of 17 properties on the relevant block (35.3% of homes on block). The Commission finds more information is needed to make a recommendation.

ADOPTED: June 16, 2021
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: *Aicha Woods*
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Executive Director, City Plan Department