

BILL NO. BL2018-1329 (WITHERS) – This ordinance would amend Metropolitan Code of Laws (MCL) Chapter 12.42 regarding the residential parking permit (RPP) program.

The ordinance would change the current procedure in designating a proposed RPP area. The current code requires a Council member to submit a petition from residents within a proposed RPP area with a written recommendation to the chief traffic engineer for review by staff of the Traffic and Parking Commission. Instead, this ordinance would require the Council member to submit to the chief traffic engineer a petition with a written request for an assessment or study by staff of whether the proposed geographic area meets the factors outlined in MCL Sec. 12.42.030 for eligibility. After the assessment, the Council member would be required to conduct a publicly noticed community meeting for the proposed RPP area before submitting a recommendation to the Traffic and Parking Commission as to whether the proposal should be placed on the an agenda for a public hearing at the Traffic and Parking Commission.

The ordinance would also clarify that, while only persons who own or operate one or more motor vehicles and reside on property immediately adjacent to the RPP area are eligible for the residential parking permit, residents who reside on property immediately adjacent to the RPP can still apply for a visitor's permit from the Public Works department.

The ordinance would also amend the current provisions regarding visitor permits. Residents of dwelling units located immediately adjacent to a street, avenue, or other location within a RPP would be eligible to purchase two (2) visitor's permits per residential address, which would be valid for one calendar year. These annual visitor passes would not be transferable, but could be replaced if lost or stolen. Residents would further be allowed to purchase up to three (3) short-term visitor parking passes, which would be valid for fourteen (14) days and would be renewable, but not transferable. No permit holder could be issued more than three visitor permits at any time.

Additionally, MCL Sec. 12.42.100.A would be amended by changing the word "himself" to "themselves."

The Traffic and Parking Commission approved this proposal at their October 8, 2018 meeting.