



## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E**

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### **Resolution Regarding Designation of Wisconsin Avenue in Tenleytown as a “Premium Demand Parking Meter Rate Zone”**

**Whereas**, ANC 3E has significant concerns about the legislative designation of Wisconsin Avenue in Tenleytown as a “Premium Demand Parking Meter Rate Zone” as defined in DCMR 2404, subchapter 2404.22 (c) (1), and

**Whereas**, DCMR justifies the designation of a street as a “Premium Demand Parking Meter Rate Zone” by the need to promote short term access and efficient use of public parking space occupancy necessary for equitable availability among other reasons (see below).

*2404.19 Except as provided in § 2424, in determining in which Zone an individual block or facility should be included, the Director shall consider the need to promote short term access and the turnover of parking space occupancy necessary for equitable availability and efficient use of public parking spaces near commercial, cultural, educational, medical, recreational and transportation facilities.*

**Whereas**, the primary purpose of premium zones is thus to ration parking where the demand for parking exceeds the supply of available spaces, and

Whereas, the “Premium Demand” designation appears to be warranted in busy and well-populated area such as Adams Morgan, U Street and Dupont Circle where there is high demand for short term parking, especially at night, as indicated by the requirement in section 2404.29 that all Premium Demand Parking Meter Rate Zones will be subject to the Unlimited Evening Hour Zone requirement, and

**Whereas**, the DC Council inserted language in this year’s budget increasing meter times in Premium Demand zones to midnight, and

**Whereas**, this language will require payment until midnight at all metered parking along Wisconsin Avenue in Tenleytown, and

**Whereas**, based on our observation and the observations of constituents, parking spaces are usually available on Wisconsin Avenue in the evening, and

**Whereas**, in ANC 3E and many other neighborhoods metered parking zones are immediately adjacent to residential parking zones governed by the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) system and when the metered parking hours run later than the RPP hours the discrepancy is likely to push some vehicles out of the metered zones and into the RPP zones, and

**Whereas**, inasmuch as there is no need to ration street parking in the evenings on Wisconsin Avenue in Tenleytown, Tenleytown should not be considered a Premium Zone or otherwise be subjected to late night metered parking at present, and

**Whereas**, ANC 3E has consistently encouraged the creation of more “vibrancy” along the Wisconsin corridor in Tenleytown,

**Whereas**, ANC 3E does not believe that these goals have been achieved to date and that imposing the “Premium Demand” designation would hinder these aims,

**Resolved**, ANC 3E respectfully calls upon the office of Ward 3 Council Member Mary Cheh to work with the ANC to pursue either a legislative or administrative remedy that omits from the “Premium Demand” designation the section of Wisconsin Avenue south of Fessenden Street to north of Upton Street until the area warrants that designation. ANC 3E also suggests that any remedy include a requirement of an assessment of and possible solutions to any discrepancies between metered and RPP hours on adjacent streets.

The resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on October 7, 2015, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, McHugh, Quinn, Hall, and Wallace in attendance.

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By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson