

PRESIDENTS HILL EXISTING OF  
FOUR STREETS, MADISON PL, HILL ST, JEFFERSON PL  
& MUNROE CT.

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# Ordinance 26-16

## Extending Hours in Parking District 3 & 4

For the purpose of extending the Special Residential Parking District hours on certain streets in Presidents Hill and Murray Hill to midnight, seven days a week.

## PETITION

**Rationale:** The growing number of restaurants and night spots in the Arts and Entertainment District on Inner West Street has made parking for residents of Presidents Hill increasingly difficult during the evening hours. More than a third of the households in our neighborhood—41 out of 113, or 36%--lack off-street parking, and there are no viable alternatives for parking within walking distance. Thus, we request that the hours of residential parking for our streets be extended to include the entire period between the hours of eight a.m to midnight seven days a week; these are the same hours now stipulated in Chapter 12.132.170.C for Dean Street, Shaw Street, City Gate Lane, Water Street, Larkin Street, and German Street in Special Residential Parking District 3, who pay the same permit fees as residents of Parking District 4.

**Petition:** We, the undersigned residents and property owners of Special Residential Parking District 4, request that the City of Annapolis amend the City Code Chapter 12.32.180 to limit parking on Hill Street, Jefferson Place, Madison Place, and Munroe Court to two hours between the hours of eight a.m. and midnight, seven days a week, unless the vehicle parked within this area displays the special residential parking permit

## Parking

Parking in Presidents Hill is difficult, and the problem grows more acute with each passing year due to two reasons: the increased size of vehicles; and the growing affluence of the neighborhood, which means that many households now own two or three automobiles. Since the older part of the neighborhood was laid out during the age of the horse, many residences do not have off-street parking, and the building pattern does not easily allow for construction of new driveways with street access. Munroe Court was laid out during the 1920s, and thus a number of residences do have driveways, but these are frequently narrow and not suited to modern vehicles; again, the close proximity of residences limits new driveways.

The current parking pattern in the neighborhood permits parking in the circle and along the southern (outbound) side of Munroe Court; and parking along the outer rim of the "u" formed by Madison, Jefferson, and Hill. Munroe Court was included in Residential Parking District 4 when it was first instituted in the late 1970s; the remainder of the neighborhood later petitioned to join the district and did so in July 1998. Residential parking has eased during the daytime--no longer do downtown workers routinely park in the neighborhood--but at night it is very tight; some residents report that if they return home after 9:00 p.m. on a weekday there are no parking places available.

The Streets Subcommittee has considered a number of alternative parking plans, but each of them has some drawback that makes it undesirable to adopt at this time. These plans include:

**A. Making Madison, Jefferson, and Hill one-way** and allowing parking on both sides of the street. This alternative would add many new parking places, but would make the streets much more hazardous to pedestrians. It is difficult to see a child or even an adult trying to cross between parked cars. A one-way plan would force commercial traffic generated by offices and stores on lower Jefferson and Madison to proceed throughout the entire neighborhood, thus bringing more vehicles into the neighborhood. Finally, Madison may be unsuitable for parking on both sides due to its extreme narrowness--only 22 feet, which makes three permanent lanes problematic. Indeed, Edward P. Sherlock, Chief of the Annapolis Fire Department, notes that parking on both sides of these streets *may* impede passage of emergency vehicles.

**B. Increasing the level of service for Parking District 4.** Extending the hours of parking enforcement to earlier and later in the evening would provide some parking relief. The major parking problem, however, is that Presidents Hill residents own more automobiles than can be easily parked in the neighborhood. The higher fees associated with increased enforcement, moreover, might be more than some residents could afford.

**C. Exploring the feasibility of alternative strategies such as angled parking or marked parking spaces.** Both of these strategies *might* lead to an increased number of available parking spaces; the community needs to determine precisely what the net increase would be before considering them seriously.

**D. Negotiating agreements for after-hours parking with businesses on West Street.** This strategy may prove to be the most feasible of all those considered. It might also help further the implementation of Policies 5B-2 and 7D-2 of the Comprehensive Plan, "Develop a parking management strategy to support revitalization of Inner West Street."

## RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Survey existing parking inventory on all four streets, estimating maximum potential spaces in current configuration. With aid of competent traffic engineer, calculate the number of parking spaces conforming to current standards that could be achieved through either angled marked parallel spaces. If the PHCA finds that either alternative could provide a significant increase in available parking, then it should open negotiations with the City to bring changes about.

4. Approach proprietors of garages and lots on nearby West Street about the viability of parking for residents after normal business hours. Group rates may be a possibility; at the very least, the PHCA can inform residents of options for individual parking at West Street facilities.

# NANCY HAMMOND EDITIONS

July 8, 2016

To Whom it May Concern.

Nancy Hammond Editions is pleased to join our neighbors in the Murry Hill and Presidents Hill communities in support of Ordinance 26-16, Proposed Extension of Residential Parking Hours in Residential Parking Districts 3 & 4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate Hammond", is enclosed within a hand-drawn, irregular triangular shape.

Kate Hammond  
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Nancy Hammond Editions  
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NAPTOWN FURNITURE AND MORE

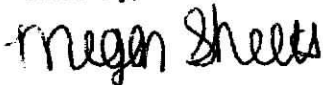
220 West St Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support of Parking Petition – July 10, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

**Naptown Furniture and More is in support of Ordinance 26-16, Proposed Extension of Residential Parking Hours in Residential Parking Districts 3 & 4.**

Sincerely,

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Megan Sheets, Owner





To whom it may concern;

Loews Annapolis Hotel is in support on Ordinance 26-16, Proposed Extension of Residential Parking Hours in Residential Parking Districts 3 & 4.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Power

Director of Operations

Loews Annapolis Hotel



sparrow®

**Sparrow is in support on  
Ordinance 26-16, Proposed Extension of Residential Parking Hours in Residential Parking  
Districts 3 & 4.**

**Thank you,**

**Gabrielle Herbst, Owner**

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**198 West St. Annapolis, MD 21401  
sparrowcollection.com**

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Lutheran Mission Society

230 West St Annapolis, Maryland 21401

7/9/16

RE: Support of Parking Petition

To Whom It May Concern:

**Lutheran Mission Society is in support of Ordinance 26-16, Proposed Extension of Residential Parking Hours in Residential Parking Districts 3 & 4.**

Sincerely,

*Audrey Sheets*  
Coordinator  
Audrey Sheets



irish pub  
& restaurant

To whom it may concern,

**Fado Irish Pub** is in support on Ordinance 26-16, Proposed Extension of Residential Parking Hours in Residential Parking Districts 3 & 4.

Kyle Sullivan

Sales and Events Manager

410 626 0069



**Metropolitan Kitchen & Lounge is in support  
on Ordinance 26-16, the proposed extension  
of Residential Parking Hours in Residential  
Parking Districts 3 & 4.**

**Jody Danek  
Co-owner Metropolitan**

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To Whom It May Concern,

**Carpaccio Tuscan Kitchen** is in support on Ordinance 26-16,  
Proposed Extension of Residential Parking Hours in Residential  
Parking District 3 & 4.

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Luigi Russo

General Manager

410.268.6569 ext. 3

lemongrass

Lemongrass is in support on Ordinance 26-16, the proposed extension of Residential Parking Hours in Residential Parking Districts 3 & 4.

Jody Danek  
Lemongrass

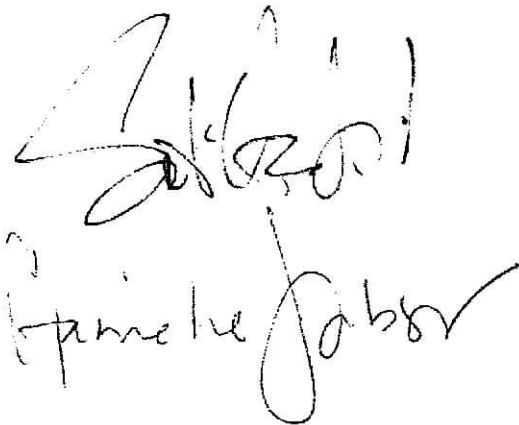
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# SAILOR OYSTER BAR

196 WEST STREET

**SOB is in support on  
Ordinance 26-16, Proposed Extension of Residential Parking Hours in  
Residential Parking Districts 3 & 4.**

**Scott & Gabrielle Herbst  
Owners**



Handwritten signatures of Scott and Gabrielle Herbst. The top signature is Scott's, and the bottom signature is Gabrielle's. Both are written in cursive.