

March 9, 2019

Dear Mayor and Alderpersons,

We recently reviewed the proposed changes to the City Ordinance 4-19 being introduced by Alderwoman Tierney on March 11th. We wish to ask that you consider our thoughts in your deliberations during the First Reading and subsequent discussions.

We've owned our home on Duke of Gloucester St. since December 2000. It is our "second home" as designated on our personal income tax the past 18 years, and ownership is documented in the MD State Department of Assessments and Taxation. If the proposed changes to the Ordinance are enacted, we would no longer be able to have our family or friends visit with us for more than two hours without having to pay to park in a City garage. That would be unfair to us given that we pay the same amount of City and State Real Estate taxes for our property as our neighbors.

The changes to the Ordinance in essence allows our neighbor's visitors the option of parking on the street convenient to their home, free of charge, for five days of each month and 25 random days throughout the year.

Under the proposed bill, residents who's home is their primary residence will be able to purchase twenty-five temporary passes that can be used at any time. The number proposed was likely selected so that residents would have parking passes available should they wish to rent their home for significant financial gain during the Boat Show weeks and Commissioning week (21 days).

We are good neighbors who have paid over \$200,000 in City and State taxes. We ask that you consider the following possible options:

That "**SECTION 12.32.140 – PERMIT TEMPORARY – Section A**" allow TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS TO AN APPLICANT WHO MEETS ANY OF THE RESIDENT STATUS REQUIRMENTS IN SECTION 12.32.090 (primary resident) OR IN SECTION 12.32.145 (nonresident).

Or

SECTION 12.32.090 – RESIDENT STATUS – Section A.2 include language that allows nonresidents be "**GRANDFATHERED**" - REQUIRING EVIDENCE OF PAST AND CURRENT "OWNERSHIP AND OCCUPANCY" THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY (or, as designated in SECTION 12.32.145 – NONRESIDENT PARKING PERMIT). Personal income taxes verifying personal use of one's home, MD State Department of Assessments and Taxation, utility bills and/or other documentation as required by the City.

Or

SECTION 12.32.145 – NONRESIDENT PARKING PERMIT – allow *NONRESIDENTS*
THE OPTION TO PURCHASE 5 DAY PASSES A MONTH.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns and suggestions, and thank you for your ongoing energies toward making Annapolis such a wonderful place to live.

Regards,
David and Gail Groy