



The First Presbyterian Church of New Haven  
The Rev. Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Pastor

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Dear Neighbor:

First Presbyterian Church requests your support for an extension of the Zone 2 Permit parking on Huntington Street to cover both sides of Huntington Street, between St. Ronan Street and Whitney Avenue. This is a change for the short section adjacent to the church property, on the north side of Huntington Street, running down to Whitney Avenue which currently has with no parking restrictions.

Background

This little section was not included years ago when the permit parking zone was first established on Huntington Street. Most church visitors park on Huntington St since the church lot holds only seven cars.

Because there are no parking restrictions, this portion of the street has become a *de facto* Yale Park & Ride, since the Yale Shuttle stops on Huntington Street across from the church. During normal times (non COVID), cars are parked there the entire working day. Up till now, the church has lived with the inconvenience of having to walk a little further when parking since many church activities are in the evening or on Sunday when Yale employees are at home.

With construction of The Whitney Modern (the former Red Cross property), we are concerned that their tenants will also use this unpermitted portion of Huntington Street. Recent review of their plans indicate that only one parking spot is provided per apartment, and eighteen apartments of the 41 apartments are 2-bedroom. We foresee residents and their visitors will use this Huntington Street unzoned section as their overflow, overnight and weekend parking. This would mean that church visitors wouldn't ever be able to park adjacent to the church, with Yale commuters parked during the work day, and Whitney Modern overflow parking in the evenings and on weekends.

First Presbyterian Church isn't claiming the public parking next to the church only for its use, but we'd like church visitors to have a fair chance to park next to the church.

Request for Your Support

We are reaching out for your signature to demonstrate neighborhood support for this change. City parking zone changes are handled through Aldermanic committees or boards and your signature helps so they know that the proposed change is supported by multiple residents.

Feel free to contact us directly if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

JC Cadwallader, Pastor