

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS** to designate the street parking in front of 250-274 Burr Street as a Residential Parking Zone.

Submitted by: Alder Salvatore E. DeCola, Ward 18

REPORT: 1664-10

ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding the creation of a residential parking zone along Burr Street between Fort Hale Road and Hall Street. In accordance with Section 29-55(a) of Title III, Chapter 29, Article III, Division 1 of the City's Code requires that, **"Upon petition thereto of the residents of a majority of the residences on a block, the board or aldermen [alders] may create a residential parking zone, which shall include, but not be limited to, that block from which said petition originated."**

In this instance, a petition has been signed and submitted by all the property owners on the block. The petition states, "We, the undersigned would like to request this area of Burr Street as a "Residential Parking Only" zone due to non-residents utilizing street parking to patronize the nearby airport, leaving residents with no available parking. We, the undersigned residents are petitioning the City's Engineering, and Traffic, Transportation and Parking Departments to residential parking only signage to address the dangerous parking problem."

Alder DeCola writes that Burr Street has experienced "...increased traffic and parking congestion due to changes at Tweed New Haven Airport. With increased flights, there has been a significant increase in the number of motor vehicles parked in front of homes for extended periods of time, leaving no space for residential cars or visitors. This influx of vehicles has made it difficult for residents to find parking and has created safety concerns. During evening hours residents may not find adequate parking nearby and are required to walk longer distances, while children getting on and off school buses are at a disadvantage as well trying to avoid a dangerous situation. The parked vehicles have often left behind a considerate amount of garbage, creating an unsightly and unhygienic environment"

Residents of Burr Street are requesting a Residential Parking Zone with parking by permit only to address these parking issues. This has been a successful strategy on other streets near the airport.



PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, **"Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed."** Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposal.

The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:

- Whether the proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The Vision 2025 Comprehensive Plan states that the city should:

- Maximize the assets and infrastructure with respect to the availability of parking on city streets.
- Enhance public safety, particularly for the city's most vulnerable users.

While the Vision 2025 Plan did not contemplate the significant expansion of service at Tweed-New Haven Airport, Residential Parking Zones have been used throughout the city when pressures of institutional or commercial uses have created parking issues in residential areas. In 2022, the City Plan Commission recommended approval of a Residential Parking Zone for Fort Hale Road, also due to impacts of Tweed-New Haven airport (CPC Report 1598-10).

ADVICE

The proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan and should be approved because it may:

- Improve quality of life and safety for residents of Burr Street.
- Enhance the City's transportation system.
- Encourage people to use mass transit to get around.

ADOPTED: April 16, 2025
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department