

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM30.7	ACTION			Ward:All
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"Saving Grace" - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council formalize the grace period for on-street permit parking on switch-over days, beginning three hours before the permit parking hours begin and extending three hours after permit parking hours end.
2. City Council direct that the policy be clearly articulated to residents and Parking Enforcement, with the information readily and easily available on the City's website.

Summary

When on-street permit parking moves from one side of the street to the other, permit holders can be ticketed for parking on the wrong side of the street only minutes after the switch occurs. Others can be ticketed for switching minutes ahead of the change. While an informal grace period currently exists to prevent such tickets, residents are not aware of this leniency and parking enforcement officials do not always abide by it.

Permit holders deserve a fair window to move their vehicle to the correct side of the street. The City needs a clear grace policy and Parking Enforcement needs to have a clear decision on City grace periods.

(Submitted to City Council on February 20 and 21, 2013 as MM30.7)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM30.7