



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

November 7, 2013

TO: Traffic & Parking Commission
FROM: Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
SUBJECT: 9400 Block of Whitworth Drive between Smithwood Drive and the North-South Alleyway Immediately west of South Beverly Drive – Resident Initiated Request to Establish a Preferential Parking Permit Zone

This report outlines a resident-initiated petition to establish a Preferential Parking Permit Zone on the residential portion of the 9400 block of Whitworth Drive, with a regulation of:

"1-Hour Parking, 8am to 6pm, Monday-Saturday, and No Parking Any Other Time, Permit 'AJ Exempt'"

INTRODUCTION

The 9400 Block of Whitworth Drive is located between Smithwood Drive and South Beverly Drive. A north-south alleyway bisects the block with two multiple family buildings to the west of the alleyway and commercial buildings to the east. The residential section of the block has a 2-hour, Monday- Saturday regulation and is not within a permit parking zone. The commercial section of the block has four parking meters on the north side and a loading zone on the south side.

Smithwood Drive runs north/south to the west of Whitworth Drive. Smithwood Drive to the north of Whitworth Drive is within the City of Beverly Hills and has a "1 Hour Parking, 8 am to 6 pm Monday-Saturday, Permit AJ Exempt" regulation. This zone was established in 1996 based on a qualifying residential petition. Smithwood Drive to the south is in Los Angeles and has a 2-hour, Monday-Saturday regulation and is not within a permit parking zone.

DISCUSSION

Staff received a qualifying petition in August 2013 signed by 7 of the 8 (88%) multiple-family from the two buildings adjacent to the 9400 block of Whitworth Drive requesting a "1-hour parking, 8 am to 6 pm, Monday-Saturday and No Parking Any Other time regulation." The letter accompanying the petition noted the noise disturbances caused by vehicles parking adjacent to their homes. There are approximately 11 parking spaces on the residential portion of the block. Staff conducted parking occupancy counts on Thursday, October 17, 2013 between 8am to midnight. The average daily occupancy was 73% (8 of 11 spaces) with and occupancy of 73% or higher from 9 am to 10 pm. The majority of vehicles were identified as belonging to non-residents.

Pending public comment, staff supports the resident-initiated petition based on the 88% support of the petition, high non-residential parking occupancy and residents' compromised lifestyle as a result of commuter parking adjacent to their back yards. Staff further recommends that the permit zone be incorporated into permit zone AJ already established on the 400 block of Smithwood Drive.

Noticing

Public Notices advising of Traffic & Parking Commission's review of this request at its November 7, 2013 meeting were mailed on October 22, 2013 to Beverly Hills residents on the 400 block of South Beverwil Drive, 400 and 500 blocks of Smithwood Drive and 9400 block of Whitworth Drive, as well as businesses on the 400 and 500 blocks of South Beverly Drive.

Recommendation

Pending public comment, staff recommends that the Traffic & Parking Commission establish Preferential Parking Permit on the 9400 block of Whitworth Drive between Smithwood Drive and the north-south alleyway west of South Beverly Drive with a regulation of:

"1-Hour Parking, 8am to 6pm, Monday-Saturday, and No Parking Any Other Time, Permit 'AJ Exempt'"

Attachments

- A) Area Map
- B) October 17, 2013 Parking Occupancy Survey
- C) Resident Petition
- D) Meeting Notice

1 HR PARKING 8AM-6PM MON-SAT
PERMIT AJ EXEMPT

SMITHWOOD

2 HR PARKING

WHITWORTH DR.
8AM-6PM

2 HR PARKING 8AM-6PM

BEVERLY DR.

BEVERLY HILLS

LOS ANGELES

2 HR PARKING
8AM-6PM MON-SAT
NO PARKING ALL
OTHER TIMES

EDRIS DR.

2 HR PARKING 8AM-6PM MON-SAT

DR.



Whitworth Drive Parking Occupancy Survey

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2013

TOTAL PARKING OCCUPANCY WHITWORTH DR. EAST OF SMITHWOOD

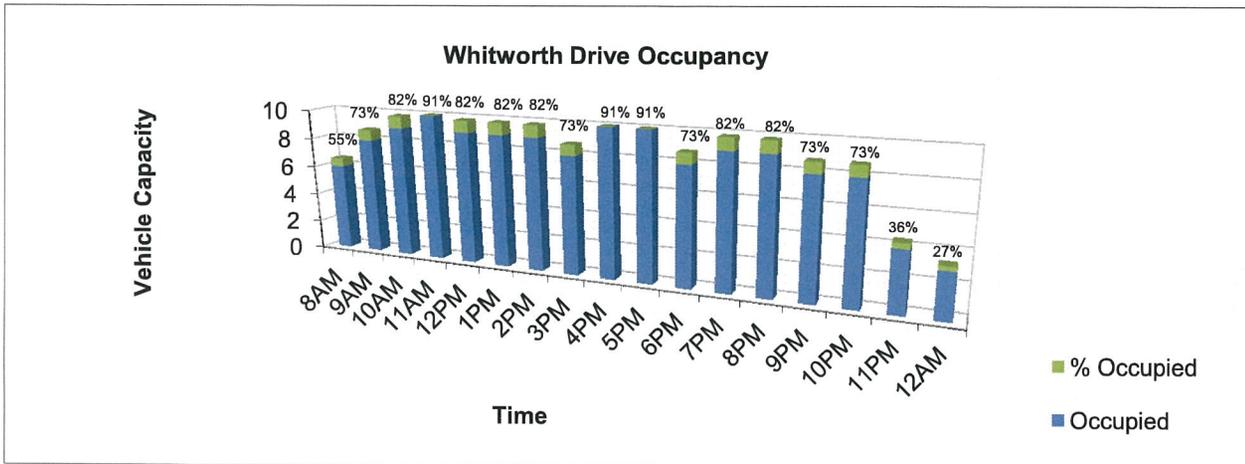
Time of Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM	AVG
Occupied	6	8	9	10	9	9	9	8	10	10	8	9	9	8	8	4	3	8
Capacity*	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	-
% Occupied	55%	73%	82%	91%	82%	82%	82%	73%	91%	91%	73%	82%	82%	73%	73%	36%	27%	73%

PARKING DURATION

# Hours Parked	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
# Vehicles	12	13	6	4	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
% Veh. Parked	29%	31%	14%	10%	5%	0%	5%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	100%

NON-RESIDENT PARKING OCCUPANCY

Time of Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM	AVG
Non-Residents (NR)	5	8	9	8	6	7	6	5	6	6	6	8	8	8	8	4	3	7
Residents (R)	1	0	0	2	3	2	3	3	4	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Capacity*	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	-
NR Occupancy	45%	73%	82%	73%	55%	64%	55%	45%	55%	55%	55%	73%	73%	73%	73%	36%	27%	59%
R Occupancy	9%	0%	0%	18%	27%	18%	27%	27%	36%	36%	18%	9%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%



*Capacity is calculated mathematically using standard design lengths, and can be increased by reducing the distance between vehicles and using smaller vehicles. Averages and percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Whitworth Drive Parking Occupancy Survey

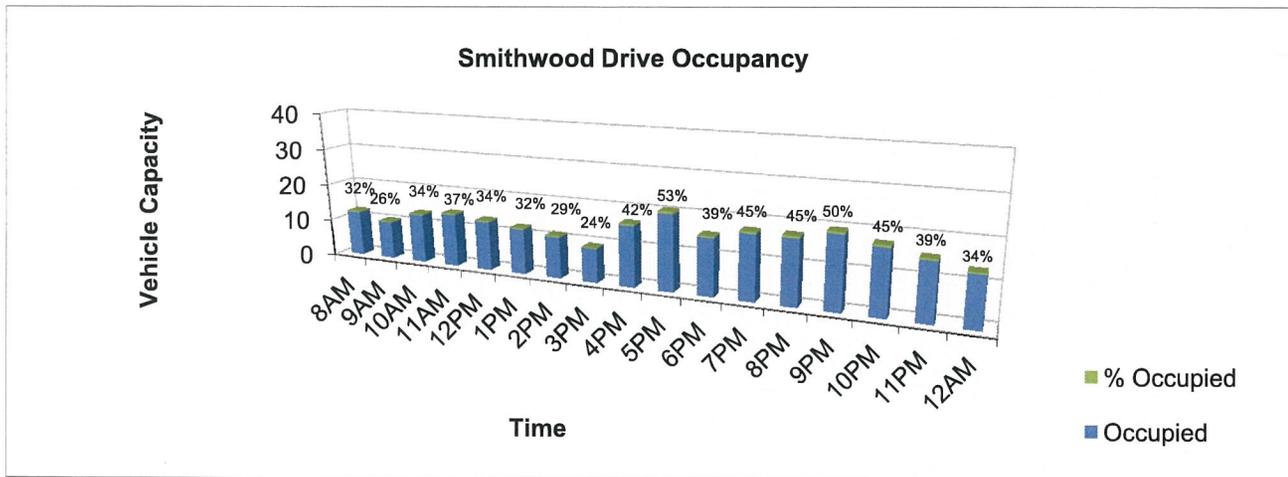
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2013

TOTAL PARKING OCCUPANCY SMITHWOOD BETWEEN BEVERWIL AND WHITWORTH

Time of Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM	AVG
Occupied	12	10	13	14	13	12	11	9	16	20	15	17	17	19	17	15	13	14
Capacity*	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	-
% Occupied	32%	26%	34%	37%	34%	32%	29%	24%	42%	53%	39%	45%	45%	50%	45%	39%	34%	38%

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Residents (R)	11	9	8	7	5	5	5	4	10	11	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	8
Capacity*	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	-
NR Occupancy	3%	3%	13%	18%	21%	18%	16%	13%	16%	24%	18%	21%	24%	29%	24%	18%	13%	17%
R Occupancy	29%	24%	21%	18%	13%	13%	13%	11%	26%	29%	21%	24%	21%	21%	21%	21%	21%	20%



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Nathan Hirsch
Smithwood Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Public Works & Transportation Department
Attn.: Transportation Planning
345 Foothill Road
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

August 7, 2013

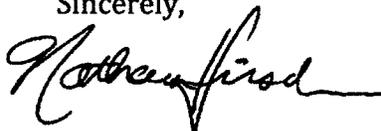
To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is the completed request for changing the parking requirements for Whitworth, between Smithwood Drive and Beverly Drive, with all required signatures. The adjacent Los Angeles blocks allow 1 hour parking between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, but no parking all other times, except by permit. We request the same requirements be maintained in Beverly Hills.

The parking between Beverly Drive and Smithwood Drive on Whitworth is currently two hour parking between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday with no restrictions all other times. The lack of restriction has allowed for noise disturbances to the residents that sleep within feet of the parking area and at all hours of the evening and night. The individuals parking in these areas are non-residents, predominantly employees of the hotels, restaurants and businesses that operate 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

Your changing these street restrictions would balance the parking limits in this neighborhood and relieve a tremendous amount of stress and annoyance to the residents.

Sincerely,



Nathan Hirsch



PREFERENTIAL PARKING PERMIT ZONE
PETITION REQUEST



A *Preferential Parking Permit Zone* allows Beverly Hills residents to park a vehicle(s) on their block during restricted parking hours. Residents of a designated permit zone may purchase up to three (3) permits per household annually at an approximate cost of \$33.50 each, with fees subject to change each fiscal year. Permits are valid through September 30th and may be renewed annually.

Residents may register to receive a daytime exemption permit at no additional cost when occasional parking needs exceed what can be accommodated with three (3) preferential parking permits. Residents must purchase the three annual preferential parking permits to be eligible to receive a daytime exemption permit. Preferential parking permits do not exempt residents from the City's overnight parking restriction between 2:30AM and 5AM. [BHMC 7-3-301]

STREET: Whitworth BLOCK OF BETWEEN BEVERLY DRIVE AND SMITHWOOD DRIVE

LEAD PETITIONER: NATHAN HIRSCH SMITHWOOD DR ... gmail.com
Name Address Phone/Email

EXISTING REGULATION:	<u>2</u> Hour/Time Limit	<u>MONDAY-SAT</u> <u>(EXCEPT SUNDAY)</u> Day(s)	<u>8am - 6pm</u> <u>(no restriction</u> <u>all other times)</u> Enforcement Hours	<u>DAY</u> Day/Evening
PETITION REQUEST:	<u>1</u> Hour/Time Limit	<u>ALL</u> Day(s)	<u>8am - 6pm</u> <u>(no parking all</u> <u>other times)</u> Enforcement Hours	<u>DAY/EVENING</u> Day/Evening

We collectively support the petition request for a permit parking regulation and acknowledge that a qualifying petition is final once submitted for review.

	PRINT NAME & SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	PHONE # (OPTIONAL)
31.	<u>NATHAN HIRSCH</u> 	<u>SMITHWOOD DR</u>	
32.	<u>Ehrlich Van Lowe</u> 	<u>SMITHWOOD DR.</u>	
33.	<u>Christine Noriega</u> <u>C. Wainwright</u>	<u>SMITHWOOD DR.</u>	
34.	<u>Rodney Ford</u> <u>Rodney Ford</u>	<u>Smithwood Dr.</u>	



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

9400 Block of Whitworth Drive Request for Preferential Permit Parking Zone

The Community Development Department—Transportation Planning division invites your participation in the review of a resident-initiated petition to establish a Preferential Permit Parking Zone on the 9400 block of Whitworth Drive between Smithwood Drive and the north-south alleyway immediately west of South Beverly Drive.

MEETING: Traffic & Parking Commission

DATE: Thursday, November 7, 2013

TIME: 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: City Hall, Room 280-A, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA, 90210

PETITION REQUEST: Establish a "1-Hour, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Daily, and No Parking Any Other Time, Except by Permit" regulation between Smithwood Drive and South Beverly Drive.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Pending public comment, staff supports a permit regulation on the 9400 block of Whitworth Drive between Smithwood Drive and the north-south alleyway immediately west of South Beverly Drive, as follows:

"1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and No Parking Any Other Time, Permit 'AJ' Exempt"

PUBLIC COMMENT: Persons wishing to comment on this item are invited to attend the November 7th Traffic & Parking Commission meeting and/or submit written comments. Please submit written correspondence a minimum of 24-hours in advance of the meeting date to allow for routing.

By Email: transportation@beverlyhills.org
By Mail: City of Beverly Hills, Transportation Planning
455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, 90210

The Traffic & Parking Commission is an advisory board to the City Council. The Commission's recommendation of the petition request will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at a future date. The City Council may approve, deny, or modify the Commission's recommendation.

If you would like additional information regarding this proposal, please contact the Transportation Planning division at (310) 288-2805.

9400 Block of Whitworth Drive

