



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

February 5, 2015

TO: Traffic & Parking Commission

FROM: Martha Eros, Transportation Planner
Roger Vinalon Jr., Traffic Technician

SUBJECT: 400 Block of Smithwood Drive between Beverwil and Whitworth Drives – Resident Initiated Request to Modify a Preferential Parking Permit Zone

ATTACHMENTS: A) Area Map
B) January 8, 2015 Parking Occupancy Survey
C) Meeting Notice
D) Resident Petition
E) Correspondence

This report outlines a resident-initiated petition to modify the Preferential Parking Permit Zone on the 400 block of Smithwood Drive between Beverwil Drive and Whitworth Drive from “1-Hour Parking, 8am to 6pm, Monday through Saturday, Permit AJ Exempt” to include an evening permit regulation. Staff recommends modifying the current regulation as follows:

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

INTRODUCTION

Smithwood Drive runs north/south between Beverwil and Whitworth Drives and has a “1 Hour Parking, 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Saturday, Permit AJ Exempt” regulation. This zone was established in 1996 based on a qualifying residential petition to address parking displacement generated by Los Angeles businesses and hotels located on Pico Boulevard in Los Angeles.

The streets south of the Beverly Hills city limits (in the City of Los Angeles) have day and evening permit restrictions. Smithwood Drive to the south of Whitworth Drive has a “1-hour Parking, 8am-6pm, Monday through Saturday, and No Parking All Other Times, District 15 Exempt” permit regulation and a “2-Hour Parking, 8am-6pm, Monday through Saturday, and No Parking All Other Times, District 25 Exempt” regulation on Edris Drive on the west fork south of Smithwood Drive.

DISCUSSION

Staff received a qualifying petition in December 2014 signed by 19 of the 28 (68%) single and multiple-family dwellings facing Smithwood requesting a “1-hour parking, 8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday and No Parking Any Other time” regulation that mirrors the adjacent permit regulation on the 9400 block of Whitworth Drive. The letter accompanying the petition noted employee and commuter parking generated by hotel and commercial businesses located in the Los Angeles jurisdiction.

Staff conducted parking occupancy counts on Thursday, January 8, 2015 and Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 6pm to midnight. There are approximately 38 on-street parking spaces on the 400 block of Smithwood Drive within the Beverly Hills city limits.

Average Hourly Occupancy 6PM to Midnight

Day	Occupied / Total Spaces	Non-residents
Thursday 1/8/15	21 / 38 (55%)	16 / 21 (43%)
Peak: 8 p.m.	26 / 38 (68%)	22 / 26 (58%)
Saturday 1/17/15	15 / 38 (38%)	12 / 15 (30%)
Peak: 6 p.m.	18 / 38 (47%)	13 / 18 (34%)

Duration

Day	Commuters / Total Vehicles	5-7 Hour Duration
Thursday 1/8/15	25 / 32 (78%)	15 / 25 (60%)
Saturday 1/17/15	17 / 24 (71%)	12 / 17 (71%)

At 8pm, parking occupancy peaked at 68% (26 of 38 spaces), with 58% (22 of 26) occupancy by non-residents vehicles. The non-resident vehicles were concentrated on the southern end of the block, closest to the Beverly Hills city limits and Los Angeles restaurants and hotels. Additionally, 15 of the 25 commuter vehicles observed were parked for five to seven hours during the 7-hour study period. Furthermore, during the Saturday parking occupancy survey conducted by Parking Enforcement, the parking officer observed a hotel/restaurant employee in uniform returning to his car at the south end of 400 Smithwood drive, leaving at midnight.

Staff supports the resident-initiated petition based on the 68% support of the petition, high percentage of non-resident parking duration, the existing permit restrictions in the Los Angeles jurisdiction, and residents' compromised lifestyle as a result of commuter parking in front of their homes. Staff's recommendation will mirror the existing restrictions established on the adjacent 9400 block of Whitworth Drive in December of 2013, stemming from the noise disturbances and displaced resident parking due to Los Angeles activity.

Noticing

Public Notices advising of Traffic & Parking Commission's review of this request at its February 5, 2015 meeting were mailed on January 23, 2015 to Beverly Hills residents on the 400 block of Beverwil Drive, 400 block of Beverly Drive, 400 block of Smithwood Drive and 9400 block of Whitworth Drive.

One correspondence was received by close of business Wednesday, January 28th in support of the petition request.

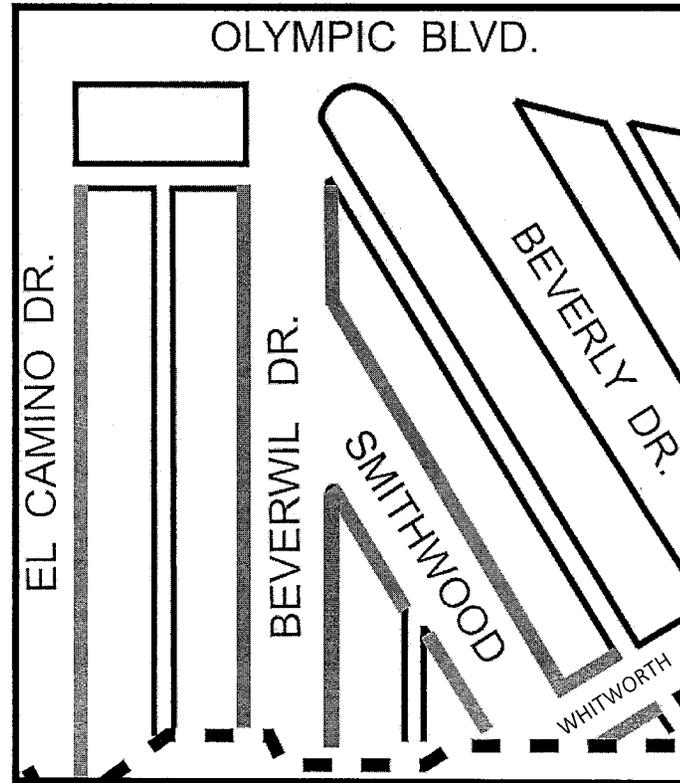
Recommendation

Pending public comment, staff recommends that the Traffic & Parking Commission modify the Preferential Parking Permit zone on Smithwood Drive between Beverwil Drive and Whitworth Drive with a regulation of:

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

ATTACHMENT A

400 Block of Smithwood Drive



- 400 Smithwood: 1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, Except by Permit
- 9400 Whitworth: 1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, Permit AJ Exempt; No Parking Any Other Time, Permit AJ Exempt
- 400 Beverwil: 2-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, Permit AW Exempt
- Smithwood south of Whitworth: 1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday and No Parking All Other Times, District 15 Exempt
- Edris Drive (west fork south of Smithwood): 2-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and No Parking All Other Times, District 25 Exempt

ATTACHMENT B

Smithwood Drive Parking Occupancy Survey

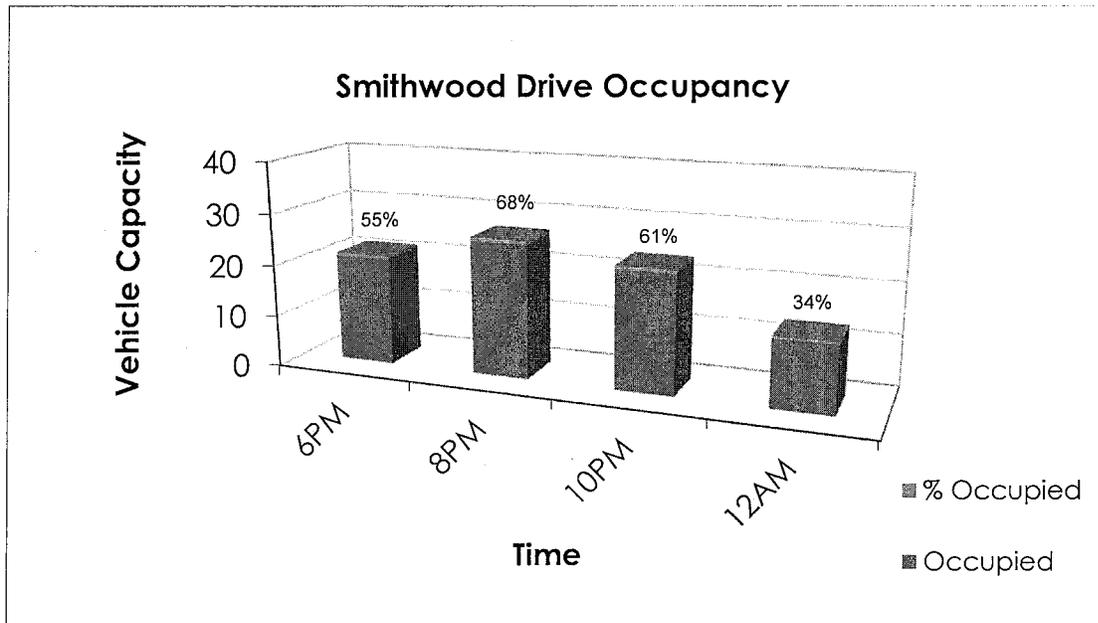
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2015

TOTAL PARKING OCCUPANCY SMITHWOOD DRIVE

Time of Day	6PM	8PM	10PM	12AM	AVG
Occupied	21	26	23	13	21
Capacity*	38	38	38	38	-
% Occupied	55%	68%	61%	34%	55%

NON-RESIDENT PARKING OCCUPANCY

Time of Day	6PM	8PM	10PM	12AM	AVG
Non-Residents (NR)	15	22	19	9	16
Residents (R)	6	4	4	4	5
Capacity*	38	38	38	38	-
NR Occupancy	39%	58%	50%	24%	43%
R Occupancy	16%	11%	11%	11%	12%



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

Smithwood Drive Parking Occupancy Survey

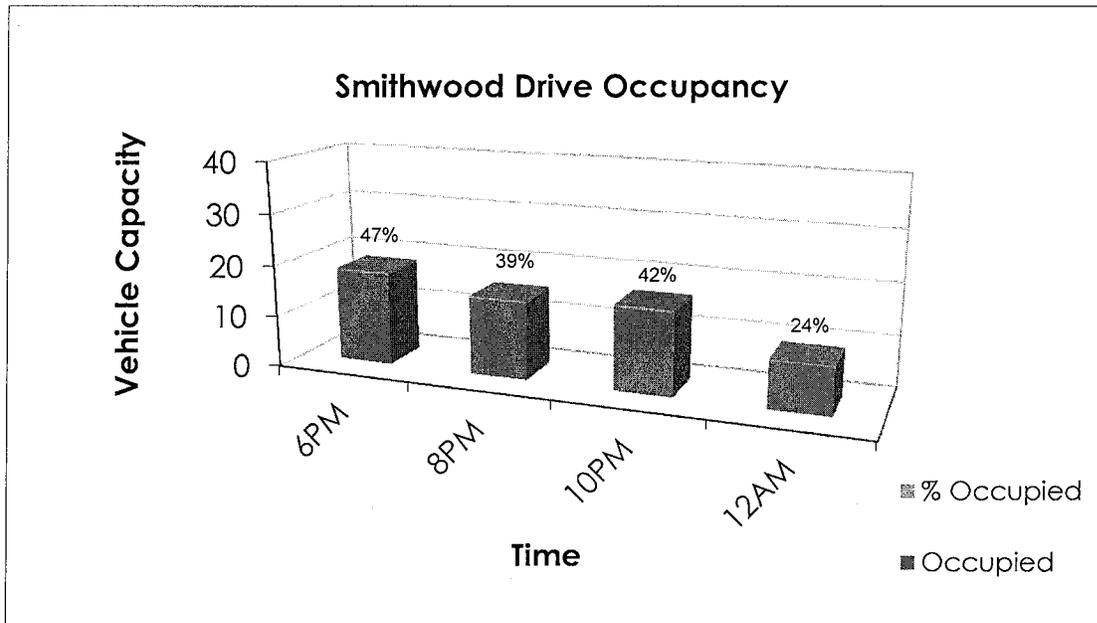
Date: Saturday, January 17, 2015

TOTAL PARKING OCCUPANCY SMITHWOOD DRIVE

Time of Day	6PM	8PM	10PM	12AM	AVG
Occupied	18	15	16	9	15
Capacity*	38	38	38	38	-
% Occupied	47%	39%	42%	24%	38%

NON-RESIDENT PARKING OCCUPANCY

Time of Day	6PM	8PM	10PM	12AM	AVG
Non-Residents (NR)	13	13	14	6	12
Residents (R)	5	2	2	3	3
Capacity*	38	38	38	38	-
NR Occupancy	34%	34%	37%	16%	30%
R Occupancy	13%	5%	5%	8%	8%



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

ATTACHMENT C



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

400 Block of Smithwood Drive Request to Modify a Preferential Parking Permit Zone

The Community Development Department invites your participation in the review of a resident-initiated petition to modify Preferential Parking Permit Zone "AJ" on the 400 block of Smithwood Drive between Beverwil Drive and Whitworth Drive.

MEETING: Traffic & Parking Commission

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2014

TIME: 9:00 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: Modify existing "1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, Except by Permit" regulation to include evening hours.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Pending public comment, staff recommends modifying Preferential Parking Permit Zone "AJ" on the 400 block of Smithwood 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 February 5, 2014 Traffic & Parking Commission meeting and/or submit written comments. Please submit correspondence by Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 5 p.m., to allow for routing.

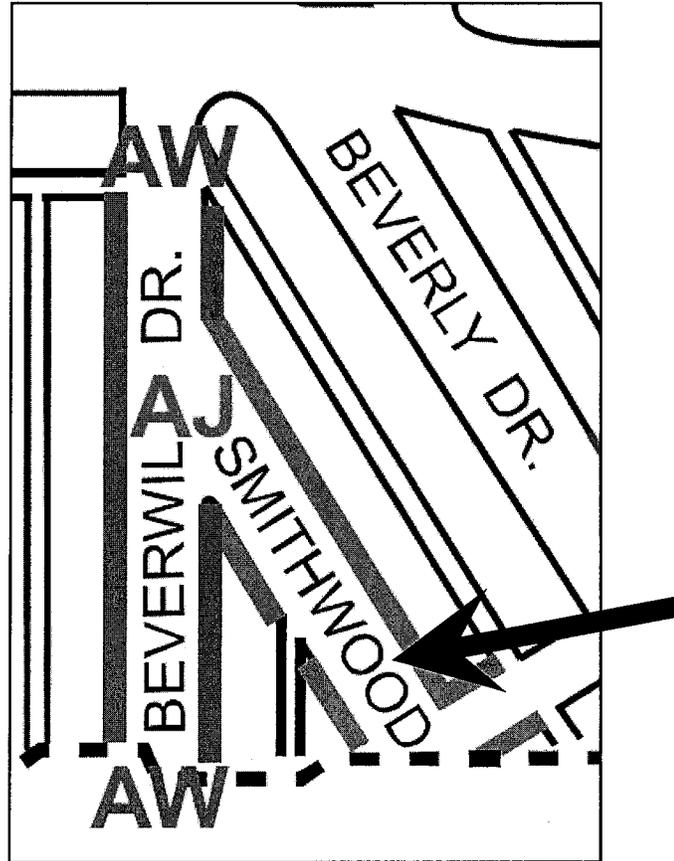
By Email: transportation@beverlyhills.org

By Mail: City of Beverly Hills
Community Development - Transportation Planning
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 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) 285-1128.

400 Block of Smithwood Drive



ATTACHMENT D

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Planning Division
Community Development

Martin L. Schwartz, D. V. M.
457 Smithwood Drive
Beverly Hills,
California, 90212

December 1st, 2014

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Community Development
Transportation Planning
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills California, 90210
ATTN: Martha Eros

Greetings:

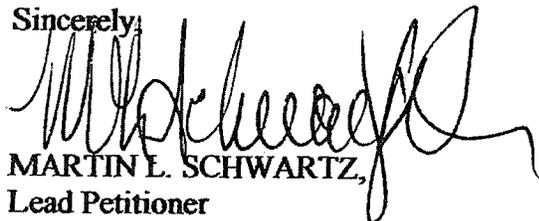
We are having a problem on our street with vehicles not belonging to any of our residences, completely filling all curbside parking on our street after 6 pm. Presumably, this is from Hotel employees and retail employees working up the street at Pico and Smithwood, and Pico and Edris. Possibly, also the Hotel at Pico and Beverly Drive.

Currently, our restricted parking is 1 hour 8am to 6pm. We would like to petition to have our restricted parking extended to include hours after 6pm, seven days a week. Currently it runs only until 6pm, and is unrestricted thereafter.

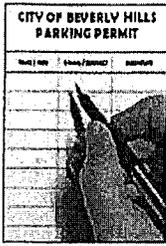
We would suggest the City mirror the restrictions recently placed on Whitworth Drive, which simply read, 1 hour parking 8am-6pm "NO PARKING ALL OTHER TIMES except by Permit AJ".

We have collected far more than the required 61% of residents on the street. -Closer to 97%.

Sincerely,



MARTIN L. SCHWARTZ,
Lead Petitioner



**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: 400 BLOCK OF Smithwood Drive
 LEAD PETITIONER: MARTIN L. SCHWARTZ 457 Smithwood Dr.
Address

EXISTING REGULATION:	1 <small>Hour/Time Limit</small>	Mon-Sat 8am-6pm <small>Day(s)</small>	<small>Enforcement Hours</small>	<small>Day/Evening</small>
PETITION REQUEST:	1 <small>Hour/Time Limit</small>	Daily (7) Anytime <small>Day(s)</small>	<small>Enforcement Hours</small>	<small>Day/Evening</small>

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)
MARTIN L. SCHWARTZ <i>M Schwartz</i>	457 Smithwood	
Lisa Tonley <i>L Tonley</i>	460 Smithwood	
Asa	458 Smithwood Dr.	
Lois Politi	452 Smithwood Dr.	

19/20 = 68%

STREET: 400 BLOCK OF Smithwood Drive

PRINT NAME & SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	PHONE # (OPTIONAL)
EUGENIA AMIEL Eugenia Amiel	448 SMITHWOOD DRIVE	
CHRISTOPHER COLLET du Coll 11/23/14	442 SMITHWOOD DR.	
JOHN KOPPEL for Shirley Karton	440 Smithwood Dr 90212	
AMBLY LONGHOTET Longhotet	436 Smithwood Dr.	
RICHARD LIW Richard Liw	430 SMITHWOOD	
SEYMOUR PALMER S Palmer	428 A Smithwood	
KJ MARMON KJ MARMON	444 Smithwood Dr Beverly Hills, CA 90212	
Donna Alexander Donnell	426 Smithwood BH 90212	
Jake Robinson Myron Hecht	446 Smithwood Drive BH 90212	
Myron Hecht	461 Smithwood BH 90212	
LISA MARRICHO Marricho	450 Smithwood BH 90212	
Azita Nakhla Nakhla	432 Smithwood Dr.	
Michael Kordan Kordan	424 Smithwood Dr	
ALLEN ASHKENAZI Ashkenazi	422 C SMITHWOOD 90212	
Oliver Gallop Oliver	428 Smithwood Dr. 90212	

ATTACHMENT E

**400 Smithwood Drive
Modify Preferential Parking Permit Zone**

Existing Regulation: 1-Hour Parking, 8am to 6pm, Monday-Saturday, Permit AJ Exempt

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

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

As of Wednesday, January 28, 2105, 5pm

DATE	ADDRESS	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
01/27/15	444 Smithwood Drive	X	

WebCBH TRANSPORTATION

From: KJ Marmon
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 4:32 PM
To: WebCBH TRANSPORTATION
Subject: Smithwood Drive

Hello. I am in favor of the new proposed parking restrictions on Smithwood Drive. I am going to attend the hearing on Feb 5th to lend my support. I also feel that speed bumps need to be installed on the street as well. Drivers “fly” down the street. What steps do I need to go through to try and get speed bumps installed on the street?

Thank you,
KJ Marmon

My address is:

444 Smithwood Dr
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

KJ MARMON
Estates Director

HILTON & HYLAND
250 North Cañon Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

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