January 27, 2020

Dear Members of City Council,

The Over-the-Rhine Community Council has voted to send this letter expressing our opposition to proposed changes to the Over-the-Rhine Residential Parking Permit Program pilot (RPPP).

We have been informed that the Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) has proposed changes that include making metered/flex spaces available to cars without permits during all meter hours, including evenings and weekends.

We object to this change because:

1. Opening up the flex spaces on streets where residents park now will mean that residents lose access to the parking they’ve paid for when purchasing the annual permit just weeks ago.
2. Residents will no longer be able to move their cars with any reasonable expectation that they can park within blocks of their homes in evenings and on weekends.
3. City Council already considered the balance of street parking for residents and visitors in the current program and in the amendment made to the program in 2019.
4. The Chamber has not offered any data to support the need for these changes.
5. Changes to the RPPP should not be made during the 2020 contract term, after residents have purchased annual permits.

As city officials continue to collect information about the impact and effectiveness of the RPPP in Over-the-Rhine, we encourage a collaborative process in considering any further changes to the RPPP in 2021.

Sincerely,

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