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TO: Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President City Council
Members of City Council

FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director 

DATE: July 17, 2009

RE: Council Bill 09-0353

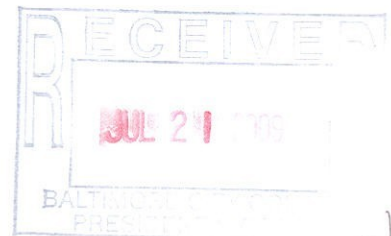


I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0353 introduced by Councilmembers Henry, Branch, Kraft, Clarke, Curran, Young, and Conaway.

The purpose of this bill is to qualify an exception to the prohibition against vehicles being left parked, standing, or stopped near residences; requiring a certain notice and providing for verification before issuing a citation; and generally relating to parking, standing, and stopping regulations.

The Parking Authority has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0353 Commercial Vehicles- Stopping by a Residence and, while we appreciate the intent of this Bill, our experience in administering the City's Residential Permit Parking programs gives us some concern about the Bill. We understand the need this Bill seeks to fill, but caution on the potential abuses this may create. Since the Department of Public works issues the work permits, which under this Bill would become a valid parking permit, we are concerned that it will potentially violate existing residential parking laws as stated in Article 31 Subtitle 10.

While the Parking Authority does not participate in the enforcement of parking violations, we are actively involved in all on-street parking permitting, and would request being involved in the process of issuing such permits. If a proper process can be provided that works for all applicable City Agencies, we would be in support of this Bill.



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