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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

DATE:
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Attention: Karen Randle

City Council Bill # 08-0225 is providing for the additional enforcement of certain offenses through issuance of parking citations; setting the fine amount for these offenses; and generally relating to the imposition of parking fines for violations of certain provisions of the Residential Permit Parking Program (RPP).

There are 38 RPP areas in the City. In FY 2008, Parking Authority issued a total of 29,288 residential parking permits, 17,873 of which were for residents and 11,415 were for visitors. Currently, whenever there is complaint about residential parking permits, Parking Authority conducts the investigation. If a violation is found, the parking Authority notifies parking enforcement officers, who then issue a citation to the violator.

This bill sets a \$500 fine for parking in a RPP area with a counterfeit, facsimile, altered, expired, or otherwise void or invalid permit.

If the bill passes, parking enforcement officers may slow down their regular routes for a more thorough check of the residential parking permits, and thus may not cover as many areas as they currently do. The result could be reduced citation issuance and associated parking related revenues.

Another concern is the safety of parking enforcement officers. Officers have been assaulted while attempting to issue \$40 citations and are accompanied by police when issuing \$200 citations for illegally parking in handicapped spaces. Issuing \$500 citations would require assistance, adding to administrative costs.

The Department of Finance opposes the passage of the bill. The Department does not have adequate information to estimate potential revenue from the new fines; however, we are concerned that it would not exceed administrative costs and lost revenue* from other parking fines.

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