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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL # 10-0523- RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING- LITTLE ITALY AREA		

**TO**

DATE:

July 9, 2010

The Honorable President and Members of City Council  
City Hall 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
100 N. Holliday Street

At its regular meeting of July 8, 2010 the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #10-0523, which is for the purpose of extending the parking duration limit for non-permit holders in the Little Italy Residential Permit Parking Area.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #10-0523 and adopted the following resolution, seven members being present (seven in favor).

**RESOLVED**, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #10-0523 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Land Use and Urban Design Division Chief at 410-396-4488.

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cc: Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor  
Ms. Sophie Dagenais, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office  
The Honorable Bill Henry, Council Rep. for Planning Commission  
Mr. David Tanner, BMZA  
Mr. Geoffrey Veal, Zoning Enforcement, DHCD  
Ms. Nikol Nabors-Jackson, DHCD  
Mr. Peter Little, Parking Authority  
Ms. Karen Randle, Council Services



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake  
Mayor

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

### STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur  
Director

July 8, 2010

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill #10-0523/Residential Permit Parking – Little Italy Area:  
For the purpose of extending the parking duration limit for non-permit holders in the Little Italy Residential Permit Parking Area.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Robert Quilter

**PETITIONER(S):** The Administration (The Parking Authority of Baltimore City)

**OWNER:** Mayor and City Council

#### **SITE/ GENERAL AREA**

General Area: The Little Italy community is a historic and popular mixed-use neighborhood of restaurants, bakeries, small retail stores, churches and dwellings. Located just east of the Jones Falls and south of Jonestown, it is one of Baltimore's oldest neighborhoods. Its location near downtown and Harbor East also make it an attractive area for tourists and visitors patronizing its well-known collection of restaurants.

#### **HISTORY**

- Ordinance #79-999, approved April 9, 1979, amended Article 31 of the Baltimore City Code to establish the Residential Permit Parking Program.
- Administrative Order #2078 enacted Little Italy as RPP Area 14, as of November 23, 1987.

#### **CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

This action is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan's PLAY section, Goal 2: Improve Nightlife, Entertainment and Recreational Experiences for Residents and Visitors, Objective 1: Expand Access to Nightlife.

#### **ANALYSIS**

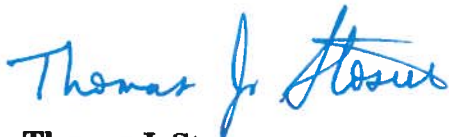
City Council Bill 10-0523 proposes to amend the Residential Parking Program portion of the Baltimore City Code to specifically allow for the Little Italy Area (Area #14) to have the parking duration for non-permit holders limited to 3 hours.

The Residential Parking Program was established in 1979 to allow neighborhoods to petition the City to issue parking permits for its residents and restrict on-street parking for non-permit

holders. Administrative Order #2078 enacted Little Italy as RPP Area 14, as of November 23, 1987. At that time, the parking durations for non-permit holders were limited to 2 hours. However, when Little Italy applied for revised hours in 1990, it resulted in a parking duration request for non-permit holders at 3 hours. Signs were in fact posted to reflect the 3 hour duration. However, there was no mechanism in place to legally allow such an increase.

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City has recently worked with the Little Italy community organizations to gain support for keeping the restriction at 3 hours and provide the mechanism to do so. On April 20, 2010 the Little Italy Community Organization used its traditionally scheduled meeting time to facilitate the parking vote. By a majority count, the community residents and business owners were in favor of upholding the 3 hour non-permit holder parking restriction. Therefore City Council Bill 10-0523 would provide for the revised duration period for the Little Italy Area.

The Little Italy Community Organization, Little Italy Business Association, Little Italy Restaurant Association, Scarlett Place RCA, Albemarle Square and the Parking Authority of Baltimore City were notified of this meeting.



**Thomas J. Stosur**  
**Director**