

## Explanation of “HP Zone” Resident Parking Program

Because there are not enough on-street parking spaces near homes in Home Park to accommodate the needs of residents, the City of Atlanta supports a program so residents of a street are guaranteed access to street parking. Restricting parking to residents only helps to reduce hazardous traffic conditions caused by commuters to nearby commercial areas. The initial city ordinance establishing resident parking in Home Park was passed in 1997.

In order to be designated a resident parking zone, 75% of property owners on a block must sign a petition asking for the designation. To add streets to an existing resident parking zone, 50% of property owners of adjacent streets must sign the petition. Streets to be included in the zone must be in a “closed” area with easily recognized boundaries (such as Holly Street between 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> streets).

Residents of a street marked “resident parking only” must purchase a decal permit to display in their car window. This permit costs \$20 is good for 1 year after purchase. Residents must complete an application form

(available from <http://homepark.org/safety/parking-permits/PermitApplication.pdf>) and provide proof of residence, copy of their Georgia driver’s license, and a copy of current car registration to request a permit sticker from the city. Each single family HOUSE may apply for TWO (2) permits, and each legal DUPLEX or apartment may apply for ONE permit for each legal unit. Each permit holder will also receive a visitors’ pass so visitors during restricted hours do not get ticketed. Permits are purchased from the City of Atlanta; HPCIA does not receive any benefit from sale of these permits.

After a zone is approved, signs are installed by the city to mark the restricted streets. After signs are installed, Atlanta Police parking enforcement officers will ticket cars that do not have the sticker permit. The fine is \$25 for each occurrence.

Contractors and other business vehicles, such as delivery trucks, are not ticketed while parked temporarily in a Resident Parking zone. Parking is only restricted between 7:00am and 7:00pm Monday-Friday. There are no parking restrictions evenings or weekends. Two-hour parking is permitted within 100 feet for businesses and commercial areas.

Resident-parking-only zones (Zone HP) are already in force on several streets between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> streets in Home Park. Besides reducing traffic congestion and allowing easier access for city emergency vehicles, residents on those streets have noticed fewer car break-ins, as there are fewer cars parked to attract unwanted attention. As the Atlantic Station development moves forward, Home Park residents north of 14<sup>th</sup> street will see more traffic along their streets, including commuter parking. Restricting parking to residents of a street is one way to help reduce this traffic before it becomes unmanageable.

For more information about resident parking, visit “Parking FAQ” at our website at <http://homepark.org/safety/parking-permits/ParkingFAQs.pdf>