



Re: Holly Street Resident-Only Parking Restrictions

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some lessons learned based on the Home Park resident-only parking restrictions south of 14th Street. This is intended for distribution to those signing the parking restriction petition to consider. This is not intended to change your minds, just to provide some additional context. It is written separately so as to not interfere with your petition in-process.

1. The parking restriction is typically in effect from 7am to 7pm and can potentially impact visitors if there is insufficient driveway space for them to park off-street. If these are not the hours you had in mind, you may try to alter them.
2. The City will only issue two permits per single family house, or one permit per unit of a legal duplex. This can be a good means of limiting the number of vehicles/tenants per address, but can also pose a problem to some good neighbors who have several vehicles for whatever reason. However, the city does provide two "visitors' passes" with each permit to allow for guests.
3. Many driveways do not allow complete off-street parking, which results in vehicles blocking the sidewalk. The police have and should continue to ticket vehicles parked across the sidewalk.
4. Vehicle speeds along State Street have increased since the resident-only parking restriction was implemented about six years ago. On-street parking is an efficient traffic calming measure. If there is significant resident-only on-street parking that follows the restriction, travel speeds are not likely to increase. However, increased travel speeds may result if on-street parking along Holly Street were to decrease significantly. HPCIA would have difficulty supporting a future request for physical or restrictive traffic calming measures to address a future speeding problem that on-street parking would help constrain.
5. Occasionally, the Atlanta Fire Department has determined that a street is not wide enough to allow parking on both sides of the street. In this case, AFD will limit parking to one side of the street, effectively reducing resident parking even further. This is done regardless of any resident-only parking restricted by city ordinance.
6. You may have to remind the City's Office of Transportation several times to install the signs after the ordinance is passed.
7. HP Zone Parking Only signs have been defaced and stolen from nearly all locations. If this happens you will have to contact the city's Office of Transportation to get the signs replaced.
8. When "resident-only" parking restrictions are enacted on a street, adjacent streets will shortly feel a "parking crunch" as commuters simply move over a block. This may inspire your neighbors to have their street added to your parking zone, or it may simply annoy them. Holly Street may feel the crunch north of 14th Street

because of parking restrictions already in place between 10th and 14th Streets and your proximity to GCATT or it may be the current number of residents with vehicles on the street. Regardless, you must be aware that impacts will result on your unknowing neighbors on adjacent streets.

9. Enforcement will be an ongoing issue. You will need to regularly remind Atlanta police to enforce your parking restrictions. Restrictions will not be enforced until the signs have been posted for 2 weeks.

Please also consider that a resident-only parking restriction along any street may only be addressing the symptoms as opposed to the root cause. Much of the parking crunch within Home Park is a function of too many tenants within some of the rental properties in the community. If this is the case on Holly Street, resident-only parking restrictions will not address the issue. However, by limiting the number of tenants, it is anticipated that the number of vehicles parked near the property would be limited as well. This is only one of the many fronts that HPCIA is trying to address through the implementation of the Greater Home Park Master Plan.

You have obviously spent a significant amount of time and energy coordinating with your neighbors for the betterment of your street and for that HPCIA commends you. Please consider extrapolating that out to the larger community and for you and your neighbors to become active members of HPCIA to help us better the entire community.

Again, because HPCIA is concerned with every street in the community, please keep HPCIA abreast of the status of your petition. If nothing else, we will need to update our website to list one more street on the resident-only parking list. Feel free to continue to use me as your primary contact.

Sincerely,

Home Park Community Improvement Association



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President