

MEMORANDUM
City Council Agenda Item

FROM:

DATE: June 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Order 240-22/23 Approving Residential Parking for Islanders - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

SPONSOR: The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, Corporation Counsel, the Planning Board, or up to three (3) members of the Council shall sponsor any orders or other items. If sponsored by a Council Committee, please include the date the committee met and the results of the vote.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE ACTION IS REQUESTED:

1st Reading

**Final
Action 6/5/2023**

Can action be taken at a later date: No The yearly extension will expire on June 30, and this order should be effective as of that date.

Does this item involve a new contract with the City: n/a

PRESENTATION: Please list the presenter(s), type, and length of presentation

I. SUMMARY

The current one-year approval to allow the 22 time limited spaces (excluding the 4 metered spaces in front of 20 Thames St.) surrounding the development at the corner of Thames & Hancock Streets to be included in the Island Residential Zone expires on June 30, 2020, and this order extends that for another year, and also extends the expansion of the IR Zone to include a portion of the north side of Marginal Way from the Park & Ride Lot to Cove Street.

II. AGENDA DESCRIPTION

This order makes permanent the previous annual extension of the Islander Residential Parking Zone with 12 spaces on Thames Street and 10 spaces on Hancock Street surrounding the AC Hotel and the new condominiums. The zone had been approved annually since 2008 while the area was being developed. This order also includes 42 parking spaces on the north side of Marginal Way between the Park & Ride Lot and Cove Street, which were added in 2019.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on June 5, 2023. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

III. BACKGROUND

In June of 2008, the City Council approved a new residential parking zone, IR (Island Resident). A total of twenty nine (29) two hour parking spaces on both sides of Thames Street easterly of Hancock Street were signed accordingly. Vehicles displaying a IR (island resident) permit are exempt from the time limit parking regulation and can be left there all day; however the vehicles must be moved in accordance with the standard posted street maintenance signs, snow bans and posted emergency no parking.

Additionally, in June of 2017 the Council approved approximately twenty five (25) one hour parking spaces on the north side of Fore Street between Mountfort and Waterville Streets to allow the use of Island Residential

Parking Permits along this section of Fore Street in a previously no parking zone. In 2008, since the development at the corner of Thames and Hancock Streets was on hold, 10 on-street spaces on the westerly side of Hancock Street between Fore & Thames and 16 on-street parking spaces on the north side of Thames Street between India and Hancock Street were signed 2 hour parking (rather than metered), so that people with a IR permit could use them on a temporary year to year basis until the Council should decide to regulate the spaces differently. This gave the islanders an additional 26 on street parking spaces convenient to Casco Bay Lines, and would cause minimal interference with area businesses and residents. As you know the AC Hotel is now built on a portion of that lot, along with a 28 unit residential condominium with retail space on the ground floor, and plans to build two other buildings on the remaining lots on the block.

The ultimate regulation of the on-street parking is decided by the City Council.

IV. INTENDED RESULT AND/OR COUNCIL GOAL ADDRESSED

This order will provide additional parking for island residents.

V. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Please indicate whether or not there is a financial impact. Please note that per Council Rule 12, this form must have "a separate fiscal impact statement memo attached if the impact of the item is \$50,000 or more in a given fiscal year. This memo shall include details and information describing the fiscal impact including, but not limited to, projected costs, revenues or savings over a three (3) year period and/or any potential impacts on the City tax levy."

VI. STAFF ANALYSIS AND BACKGROUND

Staff has determined that the on-street parking will benefit Island residents, and one-hour turnover time limited parking and 4- two hour meters parking benefit the businesses.

VII. RECOMMENDATION

The Parking Division recommends passage.

VIII. LIST ATTACHMENTS

1. Islander parking, permanent change 6.5.2023

Prepared by:

Date: 06/06/2023