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Memo

TO: Public Works Commission

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RE: Resident Parking Management Plan (RPMP) Update

We understand concerns have been raised about potential changes to the administration of Burlington's residential permit parking (RPP) program. Maintaining the livability of Burlington's neighborhoods is critical and the RPP program remains an essential tool. Over a two-year period, in 2014 and 2015, DPW staff and other parties engaged the public in an extensive process to update the RPP, which has been in existence for 30 years. To our knowledge, this was the first time the RPP has been comprehensively evaluated. As with most programs, periodic re-evaluation is necessary to be timely and responsive.

The plan, which was approved by the DPW Commission in 2016, can be found here:

burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/DPW/TransportationProjects/ResidentialParkingPlan_finaldraft_public.pdf

A few important points to note about the development of the plan:

1. This plan was a collaborative effort. Many changes were made to the Plan in response to the public engagement process.
2. To address the immediate concerns, no changes to the program will be made until there are opportunities for public input, deliberation and approval from the Public Works Commission and consultations with the City Council's Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee (TEUC).
3. As noted in the document approved by the DPW Commission, the plan aims to balance the needs of residents along with other needs within the public right of way.
4. There are 8 draft strategies in the Plan. These recommendations are the result of extensive engagement and working with a consultant who reviewed how 5 other similar communities managed residential parking

Multiple City departments are working together to draft possible, proposed revisions to City ordinance consistent with the Plan. Possible revisions would be:

1. Capping the number of permits per unit to limit the parking impact on RPP streets from any one property. Currently, a property can request an unlimited number of permits.
2. Instituting a permit fee, starting at \$10 per permit.
3. Providing one voucher per permit each year to void a ticket for times when residents or their guests get a ticket.