

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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Bill No. 40-16

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Mr. David Marks, Councilman

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By the County Council, May 2, 2016

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Residential Permit Parking Areas

FOR the purpose of providing an additional factor to the criteria used in evaluating the need for restricted parking in a residentially zoned area; ~~reducing the utilization rate; permitting the Director of Public Works or his designee to designate a restricted parking area under certain circumstances;~~ and generally relating to residential permit parking areas.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments  
Section 18-2-403  
Article 18 - Transportation  
Title 2 - Vehicles and Traffic  
Subtitle 4 - Residential Permit Parking Areas  
Baltimore County Code, 2003

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 18. TRANSPORTATION

4 Title 2. Vehicles and Traffic

5 Subtitle 4. Residential Permit Parking Areas

6 § 18-2-403. Same – Eligibility and Criteria.

7 (a) *“Commuter vehicle” defined.* In this section, “commuter vehicle” means a motor vehicle  
8 parked in an area under consideration for designation as a residential permit parking area that is not  
9 registered to or in lawful possession of a resident of the area and whose owner is not eligible to  
10 obtain a residential parking permit in that area.

11 (b) *In general.* A residentially zoned area may be deemed eligible for residential permit parking  
12 based on the criteria established in this section.

13 (c) *Criteria.* The Director of Public Works or the Director's designee shall use the following  
14 objective criteria in evaluating the need for restricted parking in a residentially zoned area:

15 (1) The proposed residential permit parking area shall consist of those streets adjacent to a  
16 minimum of 10 contiguous dwelling units;

17 (2) Based on a legal parking space of 20 linear feet, during any period of the day, the number  
18 of vehicles parked or standing, legally or illegally, on the streets in the area is equal to ~~70~~ 50% or  
19 more of the legal on-street parking capacity of the area; and

20 (3) Based on the latest available information from the State Motor Vehicle Administration  
21 regarding registration of motor vehicles, during any period of the day, 25% or more of the vehicles

1 parking or standing on the streets in the area are not registered in the name of a person residing in  
2 the area.

3 (d) *Other considerations.* Before the designation of a residential permit parking area, the Director  
4 of Public Works or the Director's designee shall also consider the following factors:

5 (1) The need for parking regulation to maintain the residential character of neighborhood;

6 (2) The desire and the need of the area residents for residential permit parking and their  
7 willingness to bear the associated administrative fees;

8 (3) The need for parking for business establishments and the general public for health or  
9 commercial purposes;

10 (4) The proximity of public transportation;

11 (5) The availability of off-street parking for commuters; [and]

12 (6) The possibility of a reduction in vehicle miles traveled through encouragement of car-pools  
13 and van-pools[.]; AND

14 (7) THE PROXIMITY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
15 EDUCATION.

16 (e) *Adjacent areas.* The Director of Public Works or the Director's designee may consider the  
17 inclusion of other areas immediately adjacent to the area meeting the criteria established under this  
18 section as eligible for residential permit parking if:

19 (1) The Director or the Director's designee determines that the commuter vehicles will likely  
20 shift into these adjacent areas if residential permit parking is instituted in the primary study area; and

21 (2) At least 75% of the dwelling units in the adjacent areas have petitioned the Department of  
22 Public Works to be added into the requested residential permit parking area under study, should the

1 area be designated a residential permit parking area.

2 ~~—— (F) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE~~  
3 ~~DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE MAY DESIGNATE A TEMPORARY~~  
4 ~~RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA IN A NEIGHBORHOOD FOR UP TO~~  
5 ~~TWO YEARS IF PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS DISPLACED BY ADDITIONAL~~  
6 ~~VEHICLES AS A RESULT OF A NEARBY COUNTY OR STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.~~

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect forty-five  
8 (45) days after its enactment.

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