Legislation Text

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Subject:
Consider enacting Section 13-1-61.02 - Removal Of Street From Zone, amend and reenact Section 13-1-62 - Conditions To Issuance Of Residential Parking Permits; Fee; Expiration and amend and reenact Section 13-1-69 - Parking Of Commercial Vehicles Near Residences of the Code of Ordinances, City of Harrisonburg, Virginia
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These proposed changes to the residential permit parking ordinances come at the request of the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Section 13-1-61.01 of the City Code describes the process for creating a new permit parking zone; however, the City Code does not currently have a process for removal of a permit parking zone. The proposed Section 13-1-61.02 would create such a process. If the ordinance is adopted, HPD has identified at least one portion of a permit parking zone that may no longer need to be permit parking, due to the demolition and redevelopment of the previously existing residences. As proposed, before bringing a recommendation to City Council to remove or modify an existing permit parking zone, the ordinance would require notice be sent to each property and property owner within the permit parking zone detailing opportunities to submit comments prior to any action City Council might take.

Users of guest cards in permit parking zones currently must park within 500 feet of the property line of the residence or business to which the guest card was issued. The amendment to Section 13-1-62 would apply this same requirement to users of permit parking decals as well, to address permit holders parking on the far end of a permit parking zone and walking elsewhere, rather than parking near their residence.

The amendment to Section 13-1-62 would also raise the fee for a parking permit from $3 to $5.

Finally, the amendment to Section 13-1-69 allows dumpsters and portable storage containers to be parked in front of a residential property for up to 72 hours.