



To: Monsoon Restaurant owners

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Gentlepersons,

As you may be aware, many local residents are concerned about neighborhood parking problems: some related to restaurant patrons, some from other causes (schools, "park and ride" use of neighborhood).

Seatran surveyed our streets this summer and found most of them to be eligible to join the Capitol Hill Residential Parking Zone (aka RPZ). Julie Erickson of Seatran will attend our meeting this Thursday (see flyer) to answer questions and help us proceed with joining the RPZ, if neighbors so desire.

As I understand the process, residents will take petitions back to their blocks, and those blocks getting 60% of households in agreement will become part of the RPZ, provided that all such streets are contiguous with the existing RPZ (see www.jps/net/tayles for a map and more details).

Parking restrictions will, I believe, initially be during workday hours, but there is a provision to get night-time restrictions for areas which request it. I would anticipate that the streets adjacent to your restaurant will make such a request, but presume it will take some months to come into effect.

To help minimize the impacts on your customers, I have requested that José Cervantes (Capitol Hill Neighborhood Service Center, 684-4574) contact the owners of the POCAAN building, and St. Joseph's School, to enquire whether arrangements can be made for the use of their parking lots for your customers. I have previously approached Mr. Noonan, owner of the parking lot on 19th near to your restaurant, and found that he was unwilling to rent parking spaces for restaurant use.

I would also like to suggest that you consider starting a reservation system for your restaurant. Customers waiting for tables during busy periods clearly put an extra, but avoidable, burden on the limited parking in the area.

If you have time to attend the meeting, we'd be happy to hear your views on the problems.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Taylor
Chair, Miller Park Neighborhood Association