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ORDINANCE NO. M-4404

AN ORDINANCE relating to the issuance of on street parking permits for residents living in Zones 1, 1A, 2 or 3; providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

WHEREAS, The Vancouver Municipal Code includes a provision that allows for residents of select downtown parking zones without access to a garage or driveway to receive long-term parking permit at no charge to park downtown; and

WHEREAS, The City has issued 44 permits for 14 properties under this provision. These properties are primarily older buildings without any onsite parking for either retail tenants or residents; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, downtown Vancouver has experienced a surge in the construction of new multifamily residential buildings that include parking typically at a rate of 1 space per residential unit; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic has created more demand for on-street parking downtown resulting in some new residents interpreting this code provision to mean that the City must provide free on-street parking permits to any resident who does not have sufficient parking within their own development; and

WHEREAS, In addition to changes in demand for parking due to new residential construction, the City's priorities have changed significantly since this provision was enacted; and

WHEREAS, In December 2022, City Council adopted a Climate Action Framework that includes strategies to shift driving trips to clean, active modes of transportation and implementation parking demand management across Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, The City is planning an update to the Downtown Parking Plan in 2023 that will emphasize more intentional management of existing supply and use of market pricing of on-street and off-street parking to encourage more efficient use of parking and transition to alternative modes of transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That part of section 1 of Ordinance M-4088, codified as 19.08.030, is hereby amended to read as follows:

19.08.030 Exemption from permit fee.

Anyone who establisheds that ~~they he or she~~ resideds in Zones 1, 1A, 2 or 3 and hads no garage or driveway ~~and wereshall be~~ issued a long term permit for no charge for each vehicle registered in ~~their his or her~~ name prior to December 1, 2022, and then can continue to park such vehicle while such current permit is properly displayed at any legal public parking space in Zone 3 which is marked for parking by permit only. Long term permits that have been issued under this section are non-transferrable, and no new long term permits will be issued after the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 2. Savings. Those ordinances or parts of ordinances which are amended or repealed by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect until the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall be confined in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered and shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any parts thereof to any person or circumstances and to this end the provisions of each clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this law are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately following the date of final adoption.

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE by the Vancouver City Council: January 23, 2023

SIGNED this 23rd day of January, 2023.

Attest:

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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The full text of this ordinance will be mailed upon request. Contact Raelyn McJilton, Records Officer at 487-8711, or via www.cityofvancouver.us (Go to City Government and Public Records).