

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-08-058

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 11.38.010 AND 11.38.050 RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE COMPOSITION AND PERMITS.

WHEREAS, the City has established Residential Parking Zones in order to facilitate on-street parking by residents in areas near their homes where demand for on-street parking is significantly greater than the supply of on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, residents of the 400 block of N. State Street have requested that they be included in the Residential Parking Zone; and

WHEREAS, increased demands upon Residential Parking Zones for limited on-street parking spaces caused by multi-family housing requires that fewer permits be available for multi-family housing than single-family housing in order to ensure adequate parking for all residents; and

WHEREAS, residents in Residential Parking Zones have expressed concern that some holders of Residential Parking Zones are abusing their permits by driving to other locations within the Zones away from their own residences and parking; and

WHEREAS, the Bellingham Police Department has requested that permits be placed in the lower left-hand corner of vehicles' rear windows or upon the left rear bumper of vehicles to facilitate more effective enforcement; therefore

THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Section 11.38.010 of the Bellingham Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

11.38.010 - Residential Parking Zone Established

The area including Forest Street between Olive Street and Cedar Street, all of Cedar Street between the alley east of State Street and Garden Street, N. State Street between Cedar Street and the southern end of the 400 block of N. State Street, Garden Street between Olive Street and Beech Street, and Olive, Palm, Bryant, and Sycamore Streets between Forest Street and Garden Street, as depicted on the map attached as Appendix A, is a residential parking zone, to be known as Residential Parking Zone 1; and the area bounded by Maple Street, Newell Street, Jersey Street and the Sehome Hill Arboretum, including Maple, Newell, Mason, Liberty, Laurel, Key, Myrtle, Ivy and Jersey Streets, and Key Street between Maple Street and Chestnut Street, as depicted on the map which is attached as Appendix B, is a residential parking zone, to be known as Residential Parking

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Zone 2. A property shall be included within a residential parking zone only if its address includes a street which is within the zone. On and after September 22, 1997, it shall be a parking infraction to park between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, on any street within a residential parking zone unless the parked vehicle displays a valid residential parking permit or visitor's parking permit for the residential parking zone in which it is parked.

A residential parking permit or visitor's parking permit shall only be valid if the vehicle is parked on or within a one block radius of the city block for which the vehicle is registered. A residential parking permit shall only be valid if displayed upon the rear bumper on the left-hand side of the resident's vehicle or in the lower left-hand corner of the rear window of the resident's vehicle.

Section 2. Section 11.38.050 of the Bellingham Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

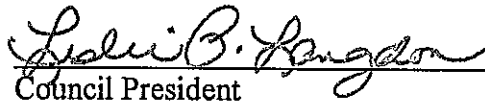
11.38.050 - Issuance Of Permits

Upon receipt of a completed application form and presentation of satisfactory proof of eligibility the Finance Director shall issue a residential parking permit for the vehicle described in the permit, provided that no more than a total of two permits may be issued to all persons in any one legal dwelling unit. Residents of any building containing more than two legal dwelling units shall be limited to one residential parking permit and one visitor parking permit per legal dwelling unit. The Finance Director shall send copies of all permits to the Police Department promptly upon issuance.

Each permit shall contain the number of the residential parking zone for which it was issued and the serial number of the permit, together with such other information as may be determined by the Finance Director.

Section 3. The effective date of this ordinance shall be October 1, 2001.


PASSED by Council this 27TH day of AUGUST, 2001.



Council President

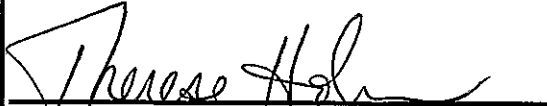
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APPROVED by me this 1st day of September, 2001.



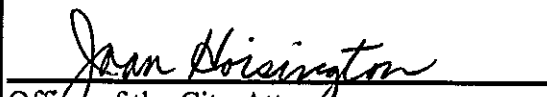
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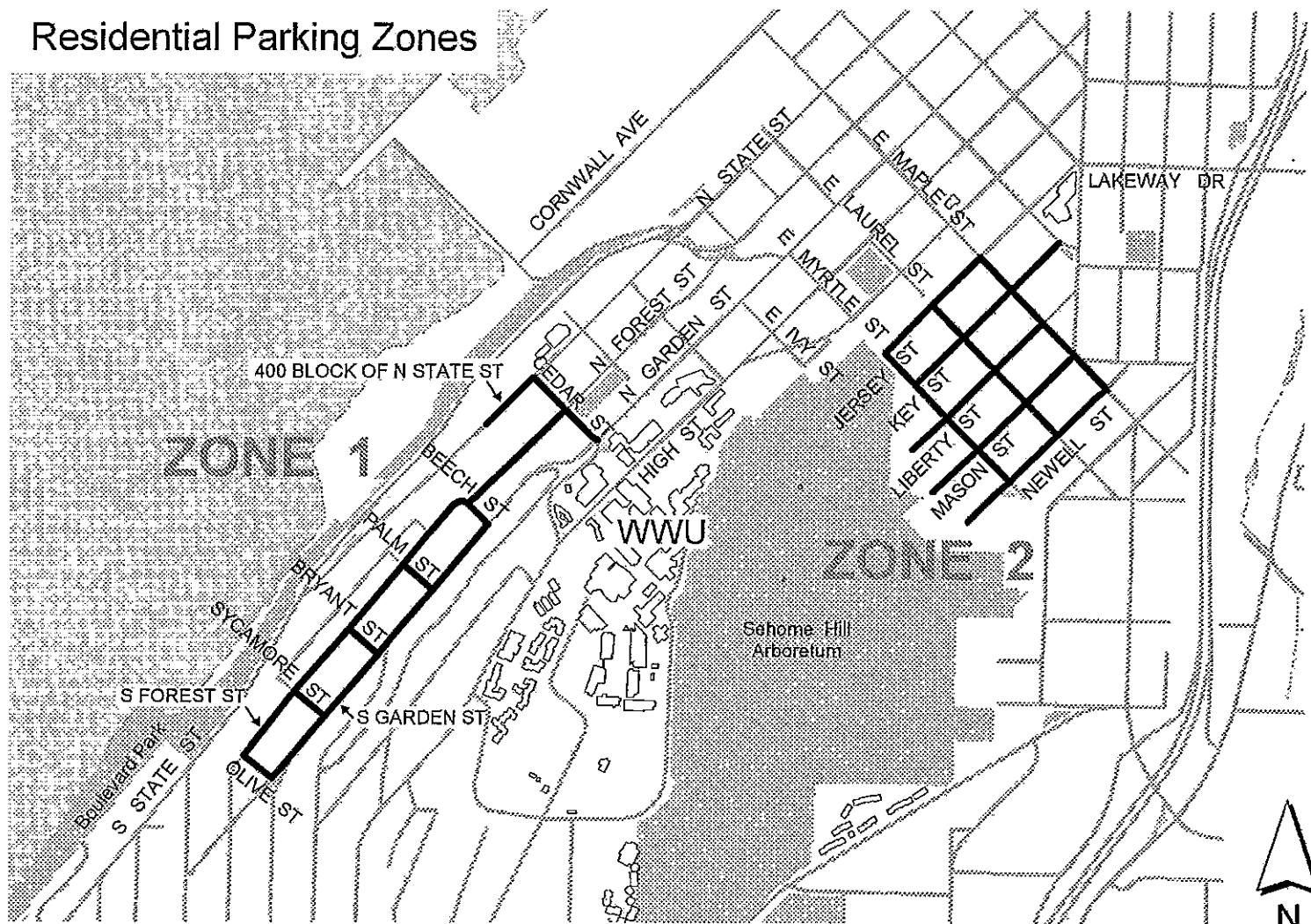
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Residential Parking Zones



APPENDIX A AND B