

From: [Tracy Moe](#)
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support of ORD. 2019-131
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 8:19:59 AM

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Ms. Candice D. Reid
City Clerk
City of Richmond
900 E. Broad Street, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing in support of ORD. 2019-131 to establish a residential permit parking district in the South Mulberry neighborhood. I have owned and occupied my home in this neighborhood for over twenty years. In the last few years, parking has become increasingly difficult and is likely to become worse.

Residents are unable to park near their homes, especially in the evenings. I work in Henrico County and often my search for a legal parking space after work is longer than my commute home. Others have given up finding legal spaces and park too close to intersections or block alleyways, creating a safety hazard for pedestrians and drivers.

Most of the cars parked in the proposed district do not belong to residents of the district. Many of these cars seem to come from apartment complexes that offer private parking. We do not have access to these private lots but must compete with them for parking spots in front of our homes. I recently witnessed a heated argument over a parking space last week.

Some longtime homeowners have left the neighborhood due to parking problems. Others have given up their backyards just to have parking spaces. Some of us don't have the ability to create such spaces.

Still, the parking problems persist and look only to get worse.

I believe that the proposed residential parking district, which is favored by a large majority of the neighborhood, would go a long way in alleviating these problems and the safety issues they create.

The neighborhood has followed all the proper procedures in applying for the establishment of the residential permit parking district, I hope that the Committee will recommend that City Council approve Ordinance 2019-131 at its next meeting.

Respectfully,

Tracy Moe
Homeowner
205 S. Mulberry Street

From: [Leonard](#)
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ordinance Number, ORD. 2019-131, Parking Permit request
Date: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:49:14 PM

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Dear Candice,

RE: Ordinance Number, ORD. 2019-131 (Parking Permit)

I am an 11 year homeowner in the Mulberry/Grayland/Parkwood area.

There are a growing number of *families with small children* in this neighborhood. In light of this, ready access to their homes is vitally important every day but especially on the weekends when families are forced to park several blocks away and have to walk to their homes. Clearly, this is inconvenient at best but a safety and security concern as well. Being retired, I know that many cars parked here do not belong to area residents.

Parking permits would go a long way in addressing and relieving these issues.

Somewhat related are cars speeding on Grayland as a cut through between Robinson and Boulevard, not slowing down at the intersection of Grayland and Mulberry. Again, a safety violation.

Thank you for your understanding of this problem situation.

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From: [Andy Burns](#)
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for ORD. 2019-131 - Parking in S Mulberry / Parkwood neighborhood
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 2:09:21 PM

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Hello,

I have work so I cannot attend the meeting tomorrow, but I wanted to send my support for the parking ordinance in the S Mulberry/Parkwood area (ORD. 2019-131). I spent some time talking to the neighbors on my block about the petition and 12/12 of the people I spoke with were in strong support for this and signed the petition. I did not speak to a single person who was even on the fence about it. I own a home on the corner of Parkwood Ave. and Robinson St., so I see a lot of the issues related to parking in the area. The Cary St. Station apartments have a number of residents or visitors who park on these streets (I would too if I had to pay \$200 a month for parking). There is also an increase from the Pizza and Beer of Richmond restaurant, including employees. The customers are not usually a problem because they have a high turnover rate and would not be impacted by the time limit, but long term parked vehicles cause issues and even the small increase becomes a big problem for the residents. One of these big problems is safety. Reduced parking means people parking close to intersections. There have been two accidents in front of my house in the past year and is almost solely due to poor sight lines from excess parking. Also, it is difficult to see pedestrians. The area is not lit very well in general, including on Robinson St. and I worry about my fiancée being hit or even crime from walking a long distance with no parking near our home. On a smaller problem scale it is inconvenient to spend 10-15 minutes each night looking for parking or waiting for a spot to open and an additional 10-15 minutes walking from a far distance. It also limits us wanting to go out at night because we do not want to lose our spot or invite friends over because they cannot find parking. If you have any questions or need anything else from me please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks,
Fletcher Burns

From: [Michael Cronin](#)
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for ordinance no. 2019-131 S. Mulberry Permit Parking Zone
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 7:56:01 PM

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Dear Ms. Reid,

We are writing to express our support for ordinance no. 2019-131, establishing a residential parking permit district in the South Mulberry Street neighborhood. We own a house within the proposed district, at 208 S. Mulberry. In the year and a half since we bought our house, we have found it increasingly difficult to find on-street parking after 5:00 in the evening and on weekends, and we worry that the problem will worsen as new businesses move into the neighborhoods. We believe that the proposed parking permit district addresses this problem without burdening businesses. Thank you.

Best,
Michael Cronin
Tomoyuki Sasaki

From: [Ryan Wetsel](#)
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: ORD. 2019-131
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 7:21:32 AM

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Good morning,

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I live at 2614 Parkwood Avenue and I'd like to pledge my support for **ORD. 2019-131**. I believe this change is necessary and will bring relief to the residents in our neighborhood. I encourage you to support this ordinance and appreciate your consideration in this matter.

All the best,

Ryan Wetsel

From: [Douglas Leslie](#)
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for Ordinance No. 2019-131 - South Mulberry Street Parking District
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 10:06:49 PM

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Ms. Candice D. Reid
City Clerk
City of Richmond
900 E. Broad St., Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing this letter to you to express my enthusiastic support for Ordinance No. 2019-131, the purpose of which is to establish a residential permit parking district in the "South Mulberry Street" neighborhood of the City.

As I understand that the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee of the City Council will be considering this ordinance at its next public meeting, I respectfully request that you enter this letter of support for it into the record, and share it with members of the Committee. My hope is that the Committee will send a recommendation to the City Council that it approve the Ordinance and establish the proposed residential permit parking district at its next meeting.

To provide a little background, my neighbors and I have recently experienced, and continue to experience, a rapid and growing influx of motor vehicles from outside the neighborhood as a result of the recent development of various commercial properties just outside of, and adjacent to, the district. This influx has had an extremely detrimental effect on the availability of on-street and off-street parking for use by the district residents, the vast majority of whose properties do not offer any off-street parking.

My neighbors have diligently followed the process for successfully applying for the establishment of the parking district outlined in City code, and I respectfully request that the Committee unanimously recommend that City Council approve the ordinance at its next meeting.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your service to the City.

Sincerely,

Douglas Leslie
Resident, City of Richmond
207 S Mulberry St

From: [Simmons, Michael](#)
To: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: ORD. 2019-131
Date: Friday, May 17, 2019 3:46:07 PM

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Good afternoon Ms. Reid,

I wanted to send an email in support of ordinance No. 2019-131. My residence is 2612 Grayland Ave and in the past two years parking has become increasingly difficult. A lot of times I have to strategically plan when I can drive otherwise I will not have a spot when I get back home. I'm glad the area is really growing and I know that with growth comes inconvenience. As a resident of Grayland Ave having permit parking would alleviate one stressor common to many others.

Regards,

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From: **Ben Rose** brose528@verizon.net
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Date: **May 19, 2019 at 5:43 PM**
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Dear Ms. Reid,

I have enjoyed being a home-owning resident of my small, friendly, clearly delineated South Mulberry Street residential neighborhood for 20 years, but lately have become dismayed that a number of neighbors have moved out in frustration, including my longtime next-door neighbor, because of the increasing problem of on-street parking.

Unlike in the past, with the influx of residents of the newly renovated "Bus Barn" apartments across Robinson Street, my neighbors are finding that they often cannot obtain places to park on the street near their homes, which is especially troubling for people arriving home after dark. I have given up and turned my small backyard solely into a parking area.

That is why I support and hope the city will approve our neighborhood petition ORD. 2019-131 for defined resident parking during select afternoon into nighttime hours, which will go a long way toward allaying resident concerns and stabilizing neighborhood owner-occupancy.

Thank-you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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