Sec. 14-224. - Residential parking permit zones.

(a) **Study.** Upon citizen request or on its own initiative, the city may study the feasibility and desirability of establishing or eliminating one or more residential parking permit zones. A study shall consider, among other things:

1. The effect on the safety of residents of the area under consideration from intensive use by nonresidents for parking of vehicles.
2. The need of the residents of the area to obtain adequate on-street parking adjacent to or close by their places of residence.
3. The difficulty or inability of residents of the area to secure adequate on-street parking adjacent to or close by their places of residence because of widespread use of available parking spaces in that area by nonresident transient motorists.
4. The impact of major public facilities and programs on the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the area and any unreasonable burdens placed on those residents in securing adequate on-street parking and gaining access to their places of residence by virtue of such facilities and programs.
5. The likelihood of alleviating, by use of a parking permit system, any problem of unavailability of residential parking spaces.
6. The desire of the residents in the area for the institution of a parking permit system and the willingness of those residents to bear the administrative costs incidental to the issuance of permits authorized by this section.
7. The fact that the residents of a contemplated parking permit area have contributed to the cost of construction and/or improvement of streets and roads in such area either by the direct assessment of costs or indirectly to the extent such costs are reflected in purchase or rental prices paid by those residents.
8. The need for some parking spaces to be available in the area under consideration for use by visitors and the general public.
9. Such other factors as the director shall deem relevant.

(b) **Public hearing.** A public hearing may be held in accordance with the following:

1. Following the completion of a study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the director may conduct a public hearing at which time interested persons may appear and be heard.
2. Within 45 days following the close of the public hearing, the director shall decide whether to propose the designation of the area under consideration as a residential parking permit zone or to remove the designation of an established residential parking permit zone.

(c) **Petition and designation.** Procedures for submitting a petition and designation of the zone are as follows:

1. If the director proposes to establish a residential parking permit zone, residents within the area proposed for the designation may petition for the establishment of the zone. Petitions shall be on forms prepared and promulgated by the director. Petitions shall be submitted to the director who shall determine their sufficiency. Any insufficient petition shall be remanded to the individual submitting it, with instructions for correction of deficiencies.
2. No residential parking permit zone shall be established unless at least 75 percent of the households within the proposed zone have properly signed a petition.
3. Upon establishment of a residential parking permit zone, the director shall cause to be posted parking signs in the zone, which signs shall prescribe times, locations and conditions under which parking may be by permit only.
(4) The director shall have authority to promulgate regulations necessary to the administration of this program, including, but not limited to, the issuance, display, renewal, revocation, and replacement of decals, and the establishment of reasonable fees for the users of the program.

(Code 1985, § 14-185)