

**CITY OF PORTLAND  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Joe Gray, City Manager

**FROM:** John Peverada, Parking Manager  
Mike Murray, Island & Neighborhood Administrator

**DATE:** June 11, 2008

**RE:** Islander Residential Permits

Following up on Monday night's joint City Council/Peaks Island Council meeting, we were asked to draft a residential parking permit program for island residents as an emergency measure.

The PIC requested that the City post the following streets or sections thereof as Islander Parking Zones. Franklin Arterial (four spaces), Commercial St. between Franklin Arterial and India St, Thames St., Hancock St., Middle and Newbury Streets, near the old Village Café, and the part of Mountfort St. below Newbury St., and remove all presently installed parking meters on these sections of streets.

The majority of the above identified areas are part of the existing residential permit zone 4, which would mean that islanders would in essence be taking away on street parking privileges in an existing residential neighborhood that is experiencing growth. In the past few years we have received numerous complaints from residents and business in this area. As you will recall last year we had a meeting in your office with a property owner on Middle St. who was very concerned with the lack of on street parking. We also had a request from the east end of Newbury St to implement time limit parking to prevent people going to the islands from parking there all day. More importantly throughout the City parking meters have been installed to create turnover parking, primarily for the businesses.

In September 2007, the Council passed an order amending the City's Traffic Schedule that was sponsored by the Transportation Committee. During the discussion Councilor Cohen asked that in the future up to 25 spaces on Thames Street be dedicated to a resident parking sticker program for island residents.

We had always thought that a new separate IR (Island Resident) zone would be added to the Residential Parking Permit Program to accommodate those 25 spaces. Staff's recommendation was that the spaces be located from Hancock Street Extension heading in an easterly direction on both the north and south sides of Thames Street, which would actually be 29 on street spaces.

Additionally since the development of the proposed condominiums at the corner of Thames and Hancock Streets is on hold, we would now support adding the 10 on street spaces on the westerly side of Hancock St between Fore & Thames and the 16 on street parking spaces on the north side of Thames St between India and Hancock St. to the IR zone on a temporary year to year basis until the condominium development is started or another project in it's place. This would give the islanders a total of up to 55 on street parking spaces convenient to Casco Bay Lines, and they would be causing minimal interference with area businesses and residents. As is done in the other residential zones throughout the city, these sections of Thames and Hancock Streets would

signed one or two hour parking, however vehicles displaying a IR (island resident) permit would be exempt from the time limit and could leave their vehicle there all day.

Lastly as stated at past meetings parking meters are not in effect between 6:00pm and 9:00am, so islanders can park at any meter and most time zones between those hours without receiving a ticket. Islanders can also park at any time, without any type of permit in the unrestricted on street parking spots in zone 4 that are located on the entire length of Mountfort St, Hancock St. between Newbury and Middle, Newbury St. from just past Amato's & Coffee by Design to Hancock St, and the north side of Federal St. from Hancock St. to Mountfort. St.

For both expediency and consistency we propose that procedure and requirements for the issuance of these permits be the same that is in place for the other eleven residential zones in the City. Attached is an outline of the rules.

The addition of a residential permit zone requires council approval and an amendment to the Traffic Schedule.

Cc Pat Finnigan, Assistant City Manager  
Gary Wood, Corporation Council  
Mike Bobinsky, Director of Public Services  
James Carmody, Transportation Engineer