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Dear Resident:

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is making changes to paid parking hours in the Capitol Hill area. As part of this project, we are also changing the Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) designations on a few blocks. Starting in late October, SDOT will extend paid parking hours from 8 PM to 10 PM in the Pike-Pine and Broadway business districts, with no time limit after 5 PM. This letter is to alert you to the associated RPZ changes as, according to our records, your household has a Zone 4 permit.

SDOT is making these changes because our parking studies show street parking is full in the late evening. This means Capitol Hill customers and visitors who drive struggle to find an available space near their destination at times when nightlife activity and parking demands remain high. SDOT sets and adjusts rates based upon parking data collected so that one or two spaces are available on a block throughout the paid parking day. Funding for this project was included in the 2017 Budget adopted by the City Council. More information about data results and these paid parking changes is available here: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/latenight.htm>.

Concurrent with the paid parking changes, **we are removing the Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) 4 signs** from the following paid parking blocks, representing approximately 26 spaces:

- 10th Avenue between East Pike Street and East Union Street (both sides)
- 11th Avenue between East Pike Street and East Union Street (east side)
- 12th Avenue between East Pine Street and East Pike Street (east side)

What does this change mean?

These will become paid parking blocks with no payment exceptions for vehicles displaying Zone 4 permits. Vehicles displaying a Zone 4 permit will no longer be able to park on these blocks beyond the posted time limit or without paying the posted rate.

Your current Zone 4 permit(s) will remain valid for the remainder of the current cycle – through April 30, 2019.

Why is SDOT making this change?

These three blocks have commercial business on the ground floor and therefore no longer qualify to allow RPZ parking. SDOT prioritizes curbspace in business districts for passenger/delivery loading and for customer short-term trips, as well as other mobility purposes. SDOT can no longer prioritize or accommodate employee and residential demand for free or low-cost parking on these blocks.

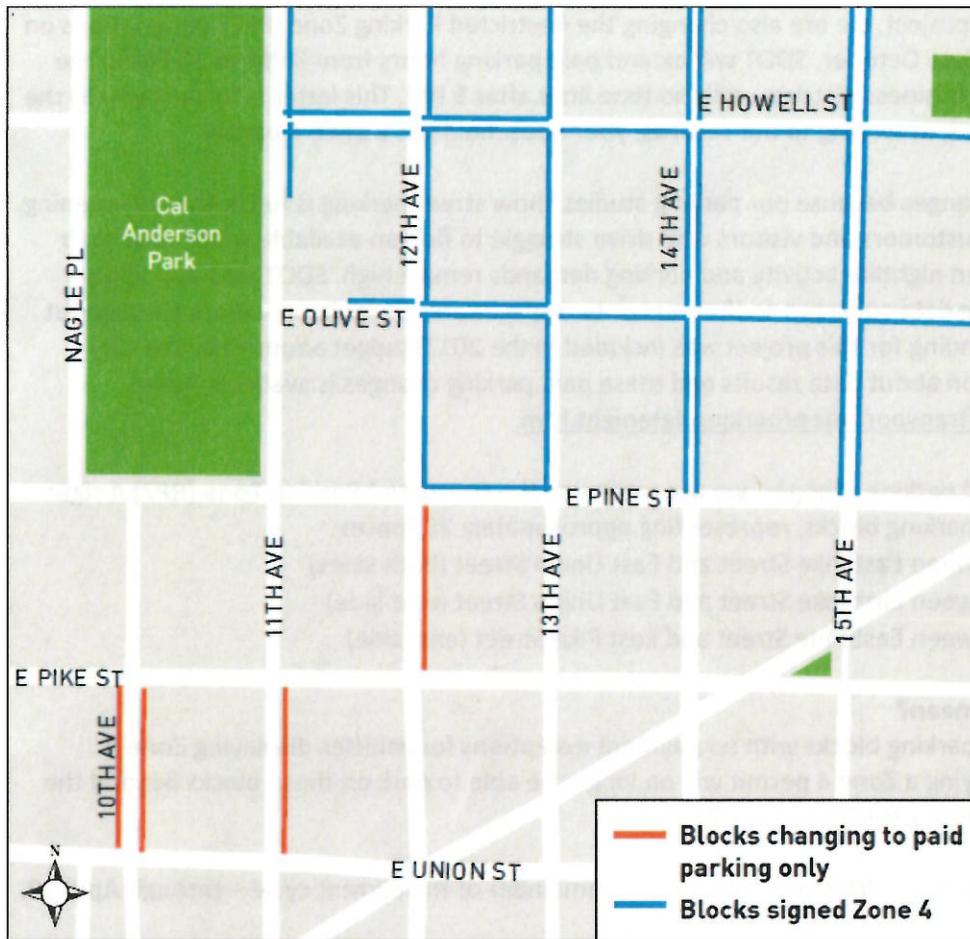
Because there will no longer be any signed Zone 4 RPZ parking south of East Pine Street or west of 13th Avenue, SDOT is also considering whether Zone 4 addresses in that area should remain eligible for Zone 4 permits after May 1, 2019. You will receive additional notice in the future before any such change occurs. If you would like to void your current permit and receive a refund, please contact SDOT's Kelsey Timmer at kelsey.timmer@seattle.gov.

When will these changes occur?

Signs will be changed in early November. After signs are changed, all vehicles must observe the posted time limit and pay the posted rate.

Where can I use my Zone 4 permit?

You will still be eligible to park on the blocks marked in blue below with a Zone 4 permit. Those blocks will retain the Zone 4 restrictions: 2-hour time limit Monday – Saturday, 7 AM – 6 PM, except by Zone 4 permit. The parking in these areas tends to be crowded. If you need reliable parking for long-term vehicle storage, we recommend using off-street parking if possible. You will also be able to park on paid parking blocks outside of paid hours – 10 PM to 8 AM Monday-Saturday, and all day on Sunday.



Questions?

For questions regarding late night paid parking, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/latenight.htm> for more information or contact SDOT at latenightparking@seattle.gov or SDOT’s Mary Catherine Snyder at 206-684-8110.

For questions regarding the RPZ program, please visit www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/parkingrpz.htm or contact SDOT’s Kelsey Timmer at kelsey.timmer@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,

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