

**Subject: DES-Potential Ripple Effect of Extended Meter Hours on Neighborhoods**

**FY 2019 Proposed Budget  
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

**4/19/2018**

The following information is provided in response to a request made by John Vihstadt over email on 4/16/2018, regarding the following question:

If ALL County parking meters are impacted by the extension of parking meter hours, has consideration been given to potential ripple impact and mitigation on neighborhoods that could see increases in spillover parking by those seeking to avoid the extended hours? For example, area surrounding Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington Mill Community Center, Central Library, Washington-Lee High School, etc.

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- Staff has considered the impact to parking on nearby blocks if meter hours were to be extended to 8 PM.
- Observation of parking conditions after the change in meter rates and hours of operation would be appropriate before implementing new measures to mitigate any impacts that may occur given that parking dynamics can vary by location.
- Staff has considered the following two options, and we recommend the second option.
  - Unilaterally extending the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) restrictions to 8 PM on blocks where there are evening hours of enforcement that end before 8 PM.
  - Extending the RPP restrictions to 8 PM only in areas near the commercial corridors and are experiencing spillover parking, which requires observation and data gathering after the meter changes take place.
- Any changes to the RPP restrictions would complicate staff's ability to maintain a moratorium on changes to RPP restrictions while the program is under review. Therefore, before extending RPP restrictions to 8 PM (if the data so indicate), staff would request direction from the Board that the Manager extend RPP restrictions to 8 PM as an exception to the general moratorium.