A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish School Parking Zones, where public school staff may park during designated times; to establish a School Parking Zone Fund; to direct expenditures from the School Parking Zone Fund to promote the use of non-automobile transportation by public school staff; and to waive minimum on-site parking requirements for public schools with a School Parking Zone.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Daytime School Parking Zone Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) “Eligible employee” means any employee of a public school, as designated by the Mayor, who may apply for a permit to park in a School Parking Zone.

(2) “Impacted ANC” means an Advisory Neighborhood Commission that includes within its boundaries:

(A) An existing or proposed School Parking Zone; or

(B) A public school with an existing or proposed School Parking Zone.

(3) “Public school” means a school owned, operated, or maintained by the District of Columbia Public Schools or a public charter school, and includes their respective educational facilities.
(4) "School Parking Zone" means an area, defined by the Mayor, near a public school where eligible employees of that public school may park during designated hours and when displaying a permit issued by the District Department of Transportation.

Sec. 3. School Parking Zones

(a) The Mayor may establish boundaries and days and hours of applicability for School Parking Zones, for the purpose of providing curbside parking for public school staff during weekday school hours, including during before-care and after-care time periods.

(b) At least 60 days prior to establishing a School Parking Zone, the Mayor shall

(1) Transmit to any impacted ANC the proposed boundaries and days and hours of applicability of the School Parking Zone; and

(2) Hold at least one public hearing to solicit comments from residents potentially impacted by the proposed School Parking Zone.

(c) When determining the boundaries and days and hours of applicability for a School Parking Zone, the Mayor shall give great weight to input provided by the impacted ANC in which the public school is located.

(d) An advisory neighborhood commission may, by resolution, petition the Mayor to establish a School Parking Zone for a public school within the advisory neighborhood commission's boundaries, and the Mayor shall respond to the petition within 30 days.

(e) Within 180 days of the effective date of this Act, the Mayor shall publish regulations pursuant to this Act, to include:

(1) Establishing a process by which public school staff may apply for permits to park within a designated School Parking Zone;

(2) Defining which public school staff are eligible to apply for a School
Parking Zone permit and for reimbursements for non-automobile commuting, pursuant to Sec. 4, subparagraph (c)(2) of this act;

(3) Establishing a procedure for public school staff to request reimbursement from the School Parking Fund for non-auto commuting, pursuant to Sec. 4, subparagraph (c)(2) of this act;

(4) Setting fees and period of validity for School Parking Zone permits;

(5) Establishing authority to erect signage for a School Parking Zone and enforce restrictions specific to School Parking Zones; and

(6) Setting a schedule of fines for violations unique to School Parking Zones.

Sec. 4. Public School Staff Transportation Fund

(a) There is established as a special fund the Public School Staff Commuter Fund ("Fund"), which shall be administered by the District Department of Transportation in accordance with subparagraph (c) of this section.

(b) Revenue from fees and fines collected pursuant to regulations promulgated under the authority of this act shall be deposited in the Fund.

(c) Money in the Fund shall be used for the following purposes:

(1) To administer the School Parking Zone program;

(2) To reimburse for non-automobile commuting expenses eligible public school staff at the same school from which fees are collected; and

(3) To make non-automobile transportation investments, as defined in D.C. Official Code Section 50-2534(b), to encourage non-automobile commuting by public school staff, including to supplement non-automobile transportation investments made through the Performance Parking Program Fund.

(d) The money deposited into the Fund, and interest earned, shall not revert to the
unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a
fiscal year, or at any other time.

Sec. 5. School Parking Minimum Requirements Repealed

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a public school with a designated
School Parking Zone shall not be required to provide a minimum number of on-site vehicle
parking spaces.

(b) An Act Providing for the zoning of the District of Columbia and the regulation of
the location, height, bulk, and uses of buildings and other structures and of the uses of land
in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (52 Stat. 797; D.C. Official Code § 6-
641.01) is amended by striking the word “therein” and inserting the phrase “therein,
provided that the Zoning Commission shall not promulgate regulations requiring a
minimum number of on-site vehicle parking spaces at a public school” in its place.

Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,

Sec. 7. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional
review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the
District of Columbia Register.