

RIVERVIEW *Neighborhood Association*

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SAY GOOD-BYE TO ON STREET PARKING!



TODAY



FUTURE WITH R1 ZONING AMENDMENTS

Proposed changes to Jersey City zoning will create a sea of concrete in our neighborhood, make parked cars the dominant visual element in our front yards, and reduce our cherished privacy. We need your help to preserve our neighborhood.

Our City Council is now considering an ill-conceived approach to address the parking problem - the R1 Zoning Amendments. The proposed amendments would change the area's largest zoning category, the R1 zone (areas with predominantly 1- and 2-family homes). If the amendments are approved on August 16, many residential areas will be profoundly altered. Rather than solve the parking problem, the zoning changes will:

- Decrease on street parking by allowing any home with 15 Ft in front of it to create front yard parking.
- Trade on street parking for private parking.
- Blight the streetscape by encouraging homeowners to cut down trees and pave over front yards to make way for parked cars.
- Create a safety hazard for pedestrians using the sidewalk and drivers who must back out into traffic.

The changes will also eliminate green space, 10 feet at a time, by reducing the rear yard setback to 20 feet from 30

feet. This means less privacy for you and your family. By working together, we can tell the Mayor and City Council that this is not what we want for Jersey City. Will you join us?

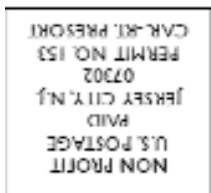
We need you to contact your elected representatives and let them know this is not what you want for Jersey City. We have included contact information in this newsletter and at <http://actionstudio.org/?go=2373>. Letters to the Editor are also a powerful tool as is attending the Planning Board and Council meetings listed.

The summer is a difficult time to take action - and the city is counting on that. Please contact the Mayor and Council to urge them to vote **NO** on the R1 Zoning Amendments and urge your friends and neighbors to do the same. Please contact Becky Hoffman at 201-876-1980 for more information or to learn how you can help save our neighborhood.

Take Action Items (see reverse side too):

- Email/Fax or Write the Council and Mayor **BEFORE 8/16/06 - TELL THEM YOU VOTE**
- By going to: <http://actionstudio.org/?go=2373> and using our automated letter system. Fast and easy!
- Call them! numbers shown on back of this newsletter:

SAY NO TO R1 ZONING AMENDMENTS!
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LETTER WRITING SYSTEM AT:
<http://actionstudio.org/?go=2373>



RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
154 OGDEN AVENUE
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07307

RNA Meeting (no meeting in August):

Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30 PM
Location: Harbor View Health Care Center.
178 Ogden Ave., 1st floor Cafeteria

Important Dates for R1 Zoning Amendments:

- August 8, 2006: Planning Board - 5:30 p.m.
City Hall Chambers, 280 Grove St.
- August 16, 2006: City Council Meeting –
10:00 a.m – 140 MLK Drive

• **Contact Council and Mayor** as provided below:

Mayor Healy	201-547-5200
Bill Gaughan - Ward D	201-547-5485
Steve Lipski - Ward C	201-547-5159
Willie Flood - At Large	201-547-5134
Peter Brennan - At Large	201-547-5319
Michael Sottolano - Ward A	201-547-5098
Mary Spinello - Ward B	201-547-5092
Steven Fulop - Ward E	201-547-5315
Viola Richardson - Ward F	201-547-5338

Faxes can be sent to the Council members at: 201-547-4678 and to Mayor Healy at: 201- 547-4288 or 201-547-5442. Letters can be mailed to the Mayor and Council at 280 Grove St., Jersey City, NJ 07302

- Write Letters to the Editor of the Jersey Journal and the Jersey City Reporter
- Jersey Journal: Letters to the Editor, 30 Journal Square, Jersey City, N.J., 07306 or E-mail to jjletters@jjournal.com or call Journal On Line message system, at (201) 217-2500
- Jersey City Reporter - PO Box 3069, 1400 Washington St., Hoboken, NJ 07030. Fax: 201-798-0018 or email: editorial@Hudsonreporter.com
- Tell your neighbors and friends - download flyers at www.savethepalisades.org/pages/zoning.html
- Attend the Planning Board Meeting on Aug. 8 at 5:30PM at City Hall (280 Grove St)
- Attend the City Council Meeting on August 16 at 10AM at 140 Martin Luther King Drive – Mary McLeod Bethune Life Center **where vote will be taken!!**