

RESOLUTION 31131

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2 A RESOLUTION relating to the Restricted Parking Zone program to repeal Resolution 28941,
3 which contained Policies and Procedures Concerning the Implementation of Residential
4 Parking Zones.

5 WHEREAS, Resolution 28941, adopted in 1994 and developed by Seattle Engineering
6 Department and a Citizen Task Force, set procedures for the Restricted Parking Zone
7 program after a policy review in the early 1990s; and

8 WHEREAS, several of these policies and procedures are now out of date given changes in
9 Seattle's population growth, neighborhood development, and major transit investments in
10 the subsequent fifteen years; and

11 WHEREAS, as of March 2009, Seattle has 27 Restricted Parking Zones (RPZs) that operate
12 seven days a week on varying days and hours, and the Seattle Department of
13 Transportation (SDOT) issues approximately 17,000 RPZ permits annually; and

14 WHEREAS, starting in 2007, SDOT initiated a major policy review to redesign the RPZ
15 program in a manner that better achieves the City's goals in areas of parking
16 management, transportation, economic development, social equity, and sustainability;
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18 WHEREAS, in a companion Council Bill, SDOT proposed to amend the RPZ program to better
19 support the following four objectives: reduce traffic impacts to neighborhoods from
20 commuters who park on the street near large parking demand generators; support mixed-
21 use neighborhoods and local business districts by creating a pilot program for businesses
22 and institutions and by broadening a community engagement program with citizens;
23 continue to encourage a reduction of overall energy use and vehicle emissions by
24 discouraging non-residents from parking in areas with RPZs; and implement a program
25 with simple rules that are easily understood and clearly applied; and

26 WHEREAS, SDOT has prepared and plans to adopt a new Director's Rule, which provides
27 specifications, guidelines, and additional information for meeting the requirements of the
28 RPZ Code such as: permit eligibility, business and institution permit pilot program,
proper permit display, community engagement and technical processes for establishing,
modifying, and removing zones, and other zone administration; NOW, THEREFORE,

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Resolution 28941, which was adopted by the City Council in 1994, is hereby repealed.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2009, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2009.

City Clerk

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