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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marie Krepelka
Board Administrator

FROM: Officer Corey P. Rateau
Traffic and Parking Unit

DATE: January 17, 2019

RE: Request: Second Space, On Street Overnight Parking at 15 Lafayette Street

At your request, the Arlington Police Department Traffic and Parking Unit looked into the petition by Mr. Steven Steinke and Ms. Mary Kowalczyk to be permanently issued a second overnight parking permit at the above residence after being issued a second one in error for 2018. Upon examining the petition and reviewing the area, the Traffic and Parking Unit **does not** support the issuance of a second space based on the following reasons:

15 Lafayette Street is a two-family residence with no deeded driveway. There is currently enough frontage to the property to fit two motor vehicles. To accommodate their parking needs, each property has already been issued one overnight permit (in accordance with regulations that stipulate all permits and overnight guests must park in front of the requesting property. Due to the layout of the street, the close proximity of adjacent properties, and the locations of nearby driveways, issuing a second overnight permit would permanently deny nearby residences the ability to have an overnight guest vehicle parked in front of their property and stay in conformance with current regulations. The two-family property immediately to the left (19-19A Lafayette) only has enough frontage for one vehicle. The two-family property to the right (11-13 Lafayette) also only has enough for one vehicle. Across the street is a two-to-four unit property (14-16 Lafayette) that only has enough frontage for one vehicle as well due a hydrant in front of the property.

In their petition, Mr. Steinke and Ms. Kowalczyk stated that their neighbors have not made any specific complaints to them about having an additional car parked on the street. However, it should be noted that while no specific address has been listed, there have been 34 overnight parking complaints to ticket Lafayette Street since 2017, which includes 5 of the first 8 days of 2019.

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While we understand that a second permit was previously issued in error, we do not believe that this automatically means the error must continue. It is suggested that they seek alternate parking accommodations for any extra vehicles.



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CC: Juliann Flaherty
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