

Upper Noe Short-Term Parking

"If we don't have thriving retail business
we don't have thriving communities."

- Ingleside Captain Amy Hurwitz

This topic is exceedingly difficult

- So many factors to consider that directly impact our lives and our community goals.
- How do we support our merchants, retain businesses and fill empty storefronts in a way that is fair to the needs of residents?
- Is it reasonable for cars to be stored on Church Street in front of a business, sometimes for a week or more?

This investigation is entirely community-driven.

- No City agency approached us to make this happen. Nothing is eminent and no one is seeking to act without consent of the community.
- The goal of highlighting this issue is exactly to take the pulse of the neighborhood. We seek your input.

Neighbors support our merchants and want a thriving commercial area

- A successful commercial area is success for residents, too, because we depend upon them to build community.
- Our commercial area survived the pandemic with almost no closures.
- Our community regularly expresses that a major concern is empty storefronts.

Our businesses do not just serve the direct pedestrian community.

- Specialty and destination shops and restaurants.
(La Ciccia, Maxwell's, Lehr's, Suzanne George Shoes, MoBu Dance, Baron's, Omnivore)
- The rec center is not just a neighborhood park.
- Diamond Street is 160 feet higher than Church Street. The hills are not walkable for many.

The current situation is not business-friendly

- Not enough local workers or sidewalk traffic exists to support weekday lunch.
- Midday parking is abysmal. Clients and parents cannot stop in briefly to businesses and schools.
- Businesses that require a vehicle are hampered by the inability to park when they return from meeting clients.

Residential parking permits were soundly rejected in 2015.

Some of the concerns that were expressed are:

1. cost - not only the initial fee but the threat of being trapped in a system of ever rising fees with no escape.
2. enforcement is labor-intensive and so it is typically weak
3. businesses only get one permit and schools only get a handful. Most workers are screwed.
4. not enough permits for every family car, especially for young adults living at home or caregivers.

As an area lacking residential parking permits, how do we move cars along?

- commuters use Upper Noe as free parking while they hop the J Church downtown.
- people in other neighborhoods who do not want to pay for parking permits store cars here.
- businesses store commercial vehicles here at night and swap their personal vehicle during the day. Thus monopolizing curb space.
- Enforcement is weak. Signs that limit time are labor intensive to monitor and thus ineffective.
- J Church projects sought to remove significant parking. Those ideas are likely to return.

Reasonable expansion

- additional short-term parking can be increased by installing parking meters in some of the angled parking on Day Street (15 available) and on 29th Street (18 available)
- adding a handful of meters on the east side of Church Street: 5 in front of Laurel Realty and 2 in front of Lehr's.



28th Street

29th Street



29th Street



Day Street

