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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

FROM: Jeffrey J. Mantes, Commissioner of Public Works 

RE: Resolution File 081651  
Parking Vehicles for Periods Exceeding 24 hours

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As part of Ordinance 101-27, regarding all night parking, a one year pilot project was enacted in late 2006 to suspend for one year the requirement that a vehicle had to move at least once every 24 hours. Instead, 101-27.1.5 allows vehicles parked on specific streets on the lower east side bordering downtown to remain in place for up to five calendar days provided there are not other timed parking regulations during the day that require vehicles to move.

The original pilot project was bordered by North Jefferson Street, East Pleasant Street, East Ogden Street, and North Franklin Place. In March 2008, the pilot was recreated with additional streets added that included those bordered by East Ogden Avenue, North Prospect Avenue, East Wells Street and North Milwaukee Street. This file expands the area to encompass the majority of the lower east side from East North Avenue south to East Wells Street and from the Milwaukee River to North Prospect Avenue.

In a previous report issued to the Public Safety Committee on April 2, 2009, DPW indicated how it attempted to document the effect of the 5-day pilot, which was a labor-intensive operation. The detailed record-keeping was undertaken to provide the Aldermen in the districts with documented evidence of the effects of the ordinance. Since the previous Public Safety meeting on April 2, 2009, Alderman Baumann and Alderman Kovac indicated that they would prefer that this ordinance be enforced on a complaint-driven basis if it is made permanent. The Department of Public Works-Parking Operations does not object to this change.

To provide the two Aldermen affected by this expansion of the area with an analysis of the enforcement effects of the pilot, staff reviewed the number of citations issued annually in 2006 - 2008 for wrong-side overnight parking and for being parked in excess of 24 hours on the streets. The year 2006 was analyzed because that was the year before any pilot was instituted on these streets. Little change was noted among the three years. Total tickets issued annually on the blocks included within the pilot area ranged from 224 - 270; not much difference from year to year. The value of the annual tickets paid for these two violations ranged from \$5,995 - \$6,201. Vehicles towed from

these blocks for being parked in excess of 24 hours ranged from 7 – 17 per year. In other words, the effect of the pilot project did not radically affect parking operations, other than the detailed documentation of vehicles parked in the area which will disappear when this becomes complaint-based.

DPW parking staff would be happy to address any questions you may have.

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