



*To Preserve And Promote Our Historic Lifestyle*

January 28, 2013

Acting Director Frank Murphy  
Baltimore City Department of Transportation  
417 E. Fayette Street  
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Acting Director Murphy:

There has been a re-alignment of dedicated Area-9 on-street parking without proper communication or accountability. It is apparent that there has been a communication breakdown among the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Parking Authority (PABC), and Federal Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA), regarding turning radius considerations made at the request of the Chandler View Condo Association (421 - 429 Grindall Street) on the northern side of the 400 block of E. Cross Street.

We (RPP Area 9) have effectively lost 2 spaces along the north side of Cross Street at the alley between Covington Street and Riverside Avenue. Two *No Stopping* signs were erected without the appropriate system of checks and balances FHNA has been working so hard to preserve with PABC. We have a critical shortage of spaces in Area 9 (2.9 permits for each available space) and these actions hinder our efforts to provide parking relief in our neighborhood.

Kindly have the two *No Stopping* signs removed without delay so as to preserve the status-quo and to avoid eminent community uproar. We can then research the issue, sit down, and discuss and review an appropriate course of action. Further, I urge you make no change to the existing parking configuration on Grindall Street surrounding the alley until we have determined an appropriate course of action.

We hope to avoid such misappropriation of authority and restore accountability in and among the various City Agencies as they affect the quality of life here within FHNA's boundaries.

If you have questions, please contact me directly at [costello.eric@gmail.com](mailto:costello.eric@gmail.com) or 607-743-8926.

Sincerely,

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