

# February 2002 Update: 9th Street / Michigan Avenue Permit Parking Petitions

## Your neighbors need you! Tuesday night March 5 Support permit parking for 9th Street & Michigan Ave.

In response to petitions signed by residents of 9th & Michigan, The City Council of Santa Monica will meet on Tuesday,



3/5/02 to hear staff recommendations and public opinion regarding permit parking. The meeting begins at 6:45pm Tuesday 3/5/02, in City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street. But let me warn you, these meetings tend to run quite late, sometimes after midnight.

### Do we meet the criteria to have permit parking?

The Transportation Management Division of the City of Santa Monica lists 6 criteria that determine if the city should adopt a preferential parking zone. These can be found online at:

<http://pen.ci.santamonica.ca.us/planning/transportation/parkingpetition.html>

1. Non-resident vehicles substantially and regularly interfere with the use of the majority of available public street.
2. Non-resident vehicles' interference occurs at regular and significant daily or weekly intervals
3. Non-resident vehicles parked in the area of the proposed zone cause or are the source of unreasonable noise, traffic hazards, environmental pollution, or devaluation of real property in the area of the proposed zone
4. No unreasonable displacement of non-resident vehicles will result into surrounding neighborhoods
5. A shortage of reasonably available and convenient residential related parking spaces exists in the area of the proposed zone
6. Alternative solutions are not feasible of practical.

Just released online: Staff report regarding our petitions can be viewed at <http://pen.ci.santamonica.ca.us/cityclerk/council/agendas/2002/20020305/s2002030511-A.htm>



East side 9th Street West side

### Unfair!! East side of 9th Street excluded?

The perpendicular spaces on 9th Street are not included in the proposed preferential parking zone, even though residents clearly petitioned and met criteria to implement permit parking (for both sides of 9th Street). The notices sent by the city last week to inform residents of the 3/5/02 meeting specifically refer to 9th Street-west side only. This will not solve the bulk of problems we have relating to parking. We will still see hundreds of cars circling the 60 or so unregulated spaces on 9th Street. If any street parking is available, then it has the potential for abuse. I am urging the City Council approve permit parking for both sides of 9th Street. If you feel as strongly as I do about this, please voice your opinion by coming to the meeting or at least sending a note expressing your concerns.



Perpendicular spaces along 9th Street

### Send a fax or email: Deadline: 4pm March 5

Regardless of whether you will attend the council meeting in person - your opinion is valuable. Comments about the permit parking petition should be sent to the city council. (You can even use the form letter on the back of this newsletter)

Send faxes to: 310/576-9170  
or send email to:

[ruth-harper@santa-monica.org](mailto:ruth-harper@santa-monica.org)  
All comments received by this time will be given to the Council members  
You may also call 310/458-8291 if you have any questions.

Bring photos, videotape or other proof of parking problems to the City Council meeting 3/5/02



Trash left behind from students parking on east side of 9th Street 2/28/02

### Please come in person Tuesday March 5 !! support approving permit parking on 9th Street:

Appearances in person send a valuable message to members of city council. It is imperative that neighbors show up to support the petition in favor of permit parking.

City Council Meeting on  
Preferential Parking  
Tuesday March 5, 2002  
beginning 6:45pm  
City Council Chambers  
1685 Main Street

Quick & Easy  
**If nothing else - at least do this:**  
On reverse side of this newsletter is a form letter you may use or adapt to fit your own circumstances. Fill it in & send it off to have your opinion heard.

To be added to our neighborhood email list: send email to [kjm@jmbm.com](mailto:kjm@jmbm.com) or call 310/399-4456 310/712-6810

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Transportation Management Division  
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Santa Monica, Ca. 90407-2200  
Attn: Ruth Harper

fax: 310/576-9170  
email: ruth-harper@santa-monica.org

Re: Applications for preferential parking  
1800 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Street & 800 block of Michigan Avenue

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a resident of 9th Street or Michigan Avenue.

I request the city council approve permit parking for my street, and  
I request implementing permit parking on BOTH sides of 9th Street, as well as Michigan.

The problem(s) related to parking which I have encountered most are:

- Not having a place to park
- Housemate/roommate not having a place to park
- Guests not having a place to park
- Noise made by people parking/hanging out  
(honking horns, loud radio, talking/shouting, revving engine, screeching tires, \_\_\_\_\_)
- Trash left behind  
(food & beverage containers, papers, cigarette butts, matches, wrappers, bags, \_\_\_\_\_)
- Damage done to vehicle/property  
car body damage, vandalism, graffiti, damage to landscaping, \_\_\_\_\_)
- Trespassing, rude behavior, confrontations
- Dangerous driving conditions (speeding, double parking, not looking while driving, jay-walking, \_\_\_\_\_)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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