



**CITY OF ANNAPOLIS  
CITY MANAGER**

To: Alderman Ross Arnett, Ward 8  
From: Teresa Sutherland, City Manager *T. Sutherland*  
Date: December 3, 2018  
Subject: Eastport Parking Report

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Thank you for sharing the Eastport Parking Report with me and key members of the City staff. Below is our response to the "Top 13 Recommendations."

1. Recommendation: Install signs on city property point to paid public parking in ACM lot and include ACM parking facility on SP+ website and mobile app.

*Response: We concur with this recommendation. We will install signs to direct public parking to the ACM and add the ACM parking facility on the SP+ website and mobile app as soon as practicable.*

2. Recommendation: Install 48 hour parking signage throughout the entire Eastport peninsula.

*Response: The cost to implement this recommendation is high. We are willing to install signage on Severn Avenue as a pilot program and enhance enforcement of the existing 48-hour limitation on nonresidents to determine the effectiveness of this recommendation.*

3. Recommendation: Step up enforcement of 48-hour parking and parking on red curbs at all times on the Eastport peninsula.

*Response: Again, we are willing to install 48-hour signs on Severn Avenue and step up enforcement to determine the effectiveness of this recommendation.*

4. Recommendation: Allow noncommercial properties to lease their lots to neighboring businesses (e.g., churches and elementary school).

*Response: Alderman Arnett will sponsor legislation to allow this recommendation.*

5. Recommendation: Direct traffic during special events to increase public safety and movement of cars. Traffic control at key points on the peninsula and routing of bridge traffic from downtown via Boucher Avenue to President Street to reduce traffic on Bay Ridge and Chesapeake Avenues.

*Response: Since the last Blue Angels flight in May, the City has modified its traffic control plan for special events. We will see how effective the new plan is before making any further modifications.*

6. Recommendation: Solicit information from permit parking experts for Eastport's unique situation. Provide close-by parking for all stakeholders and provide solutions for special events.

*Response: Alderman Arnett is willing to explore the use of parking meters on commercial streets, but he is not willing to consider a residential parking permit program in Eastport until such time as we have explored other relief options.*

7. Recommendation: Impose a 48-hour parking law on all nonresidents of Eastport with parking passes available for marinas, marina customers, and guests of Eastport residents.

*Response: We will first explore a pilot program with 48-hour signs and enhanced enforcement on Severn Avenue for those who are not City (not Eastport) residents.*

8. Recommendation: Paint white L's on streets to delineate parking zones on Eastport streets.

*Response: We will implement this recommendation as soon as practicable.*

9. Recommendation: Delineate individual parking spaces within parking zones to maximize the number of cars. Create "compact car" and "standard car" designated areas.

*Response: We will investigate the cost of implementing this recommendation.*

10. Recommendation: Post weatherproof signs seven days in advance to alert residents and visitors of upcoming events.

*Response: In our experience, people remove and destroy signs installed many days in advance of an event, so we are not willing to implement this recommendation.*

11. Recommendation: ACM to charge the same rate as downtown parking garages with the City paying the difference between the active rate and the ACM normal rate.

*Response: We are not willing to implement this recommendation because it would be too costly. We are hopeful the installation of signs directing public parking to the ACM lot will increase its utilization.*

12. Recommendation: Create a system of logical one-way streets NE of Sixth Street

*Response: We are not willing to implement this recommendation as it would result in less on-street parking.*

13. Recommendation: Make one-way streets with no parking on one side and angled parking on the other side.

*Response: We cannot implement this recommendation as the streets are not of adequate width to allow such a parking arrangement.*

We thank the Eastport Civic Association and the Eastport Business Association for their thoughtful analysis and input, and we encourage further discussion as we work together to improve the parking situation for the residents of Eastport.