

RE: LETTER FROM LEN & HILDA VIMB WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE  
MEETING OF COUNCIL 1985 JULY 29 (Item 5 t)  
PARKING IN 6900 - 7000 BLK 21ST AVENUE

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 85 07 26

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: PARKING IN 6900 - 7000 BLOCK 21ST AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Len and Hilda Vimb of 7086 - 21st Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5E 2Y9, be sent a copy of this report.

REPORT:

Len and Hilda Vimb of 7086 - 21st Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5E 2Y9, wrote to Council concerning parking problems on 21st Avenue.

The complaints of the petitioners are common for streets that contain a mix of apartments and single family homes (see attached sketch).. Under the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, apartment developments such as the new one on the north side of 21st Avenue are required to provide 1 1/2 off-street parking spaces for each dwelling unit. These have been provided in an underground parking facility. While the Zoning Bylaw requires the provision of at least 1 1/2 spaces per dwelling unit, many of the residents of a unit will own more than one vehicle and these extra vehicles are usually parked on the street. Should the resident own a recreation vehicle, it is almost always parked on the street because of the low overhead clearances to underground parking facilities.

In two daytime checks in the area, we found ample parking spaces on both sides of 21st Avenue. However, we concur with the petitioners' claim that in the evening and on weekends parking on the street would be at a premium.

We did note that all but one of the petitioners had off-street parking facilities and could accommodate more than one vehicle. The one petitioner without off-street parking advises that he does not own a vehicle.

In responding to the request for "Resident Only" parking, we would advise that it has not been our policy to install such zones on the public street system. The one exception granted by Council was in the street system around the Burnaby General Hospital. This was granted because it was a 24-hour a day problem and was generated by non-area residents. In the case of 21st Avenue, the complaint is generated by residents living in the 7900 - 8000 Block 21st Avenue and to post "Resident Parking" for residents of the 7900 - 8000 Block of 21st Avenue, which are the only generators of parking, would not resolve the complaints. The procedure used in Burnaby is to ask for enforcement of the "Three Hour" provision in the Bylaw, which states:

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"Section 13 (6)

No person shall, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock in the morning and 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, park any vehicle on any street abutting any premises used for residential or commercial purposes for more than three hours unless such premises are the property or residence of such person or the property of his employer."

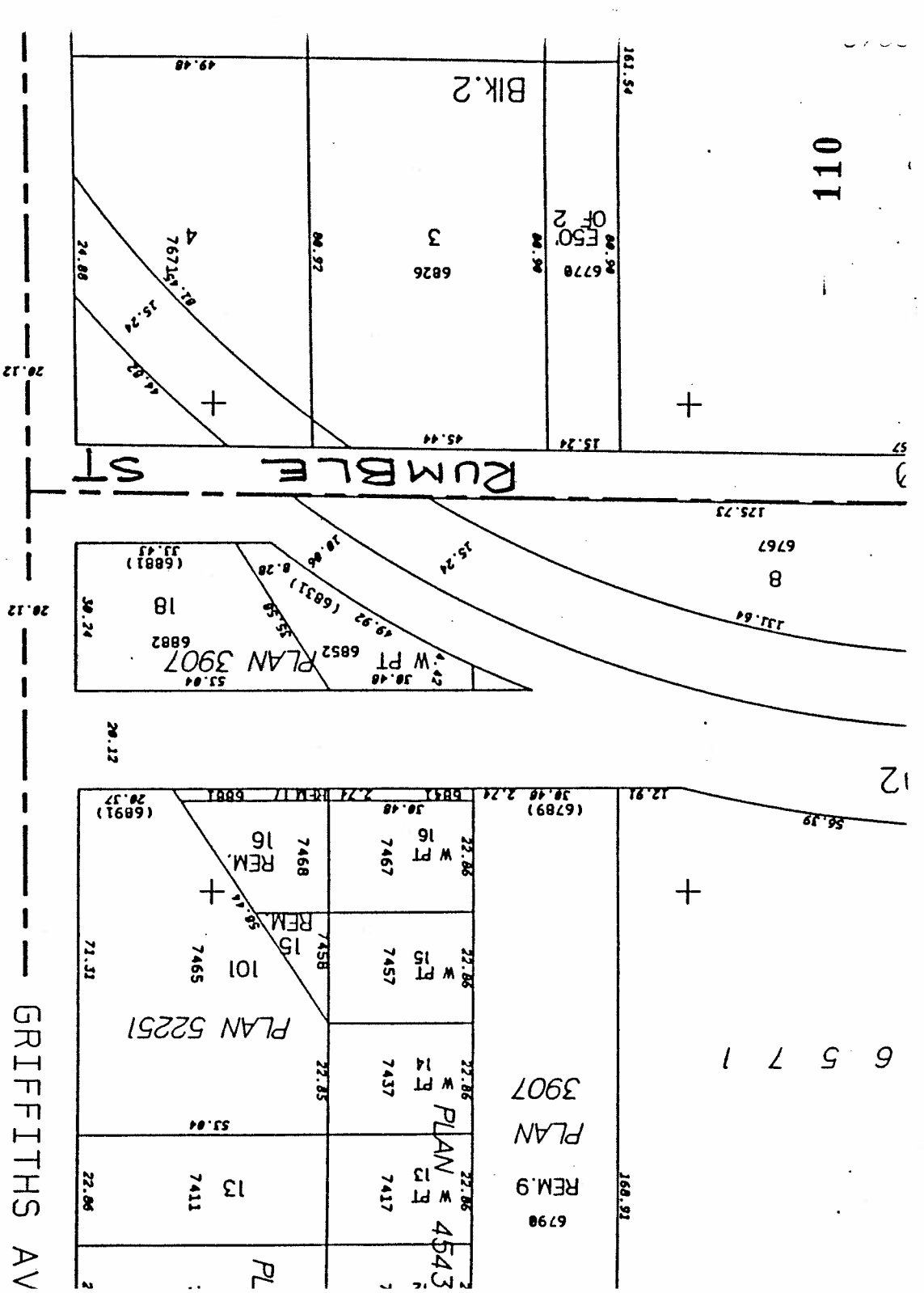
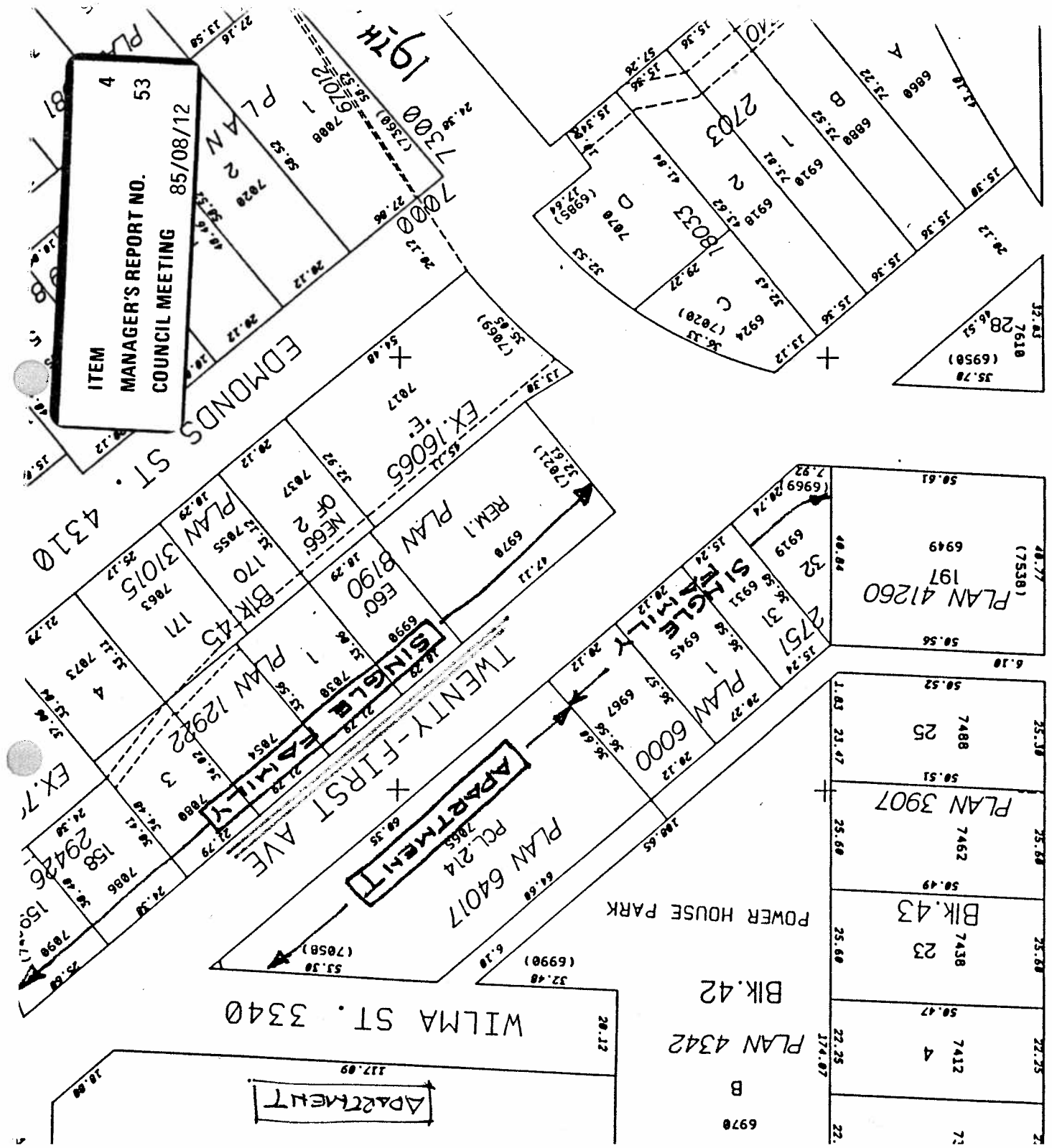
This section is enforced on complaint only.

In summary we must advise that in areas of higher residential development a higher occupancy demand of on-street parking is to be expected. The only satisfactory solution is the provision of adequate off-street parking for those who find a deficiency in on-street parking. Council will recall, in this regard, that Burnaby has made representations to the U.B.C.M. in past years to ask that legislation be introduced to provide for the inclusion of any parking charges in the rent for apartment dwelling units. This resolution has been presented to several U.B.C.M. conventions in the past and was last endorsed in 1980. However, it continues to be reviewed by the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs for possible inclusion in the Residential Tenancy Act.

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c.c. ( ) Traffic Supervisor

  
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