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Dear Students, Parents and Families:

Welcome to and/or welcome back to the George Washington University (GW). During a student’s first-year orientation we share the importance we as a campus community places on GW being a good neighbor to our surrounding neighbors. We demonstrate this commitment through partnerships with our Foggy Bottom and Foxhall neighbors to make a better community for all who live, work, and study here.

We, along with our campus planning colleagues in Facilities Planning, Construction and Management, work to integrate GW with our surrounding neighborhoods and respond to community concerns such as the limited number of parking spaces on the streets in and around our campuses. Specifically, we are writing to inform you of certain restrictions on student parking enacted by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission by which the university and students must abide.

Recognizing the scarcity of on-street public parking in downtown DC and given the broad availability of public transportation, the D.C. Zoning Commission’s approval of the 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan prohibits first-and second-year students from bringing vehicles to the Foggy Bottom campus except in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances may include transportation needs related to a disability or health condition of the student or member of their family. Requests by first- and second-year students for a policy exception due to exceptional circumstances must be approved by GW’s Office of Transportation and Parking Services. Any violation of this policy may be grounds for discipline under the university’s Code of Student Conduct. A complete copy of the university’s parking policy can be found online at https://compliance.gwu.edu/campus-parking-restrictions and the exception request can be made by visiting the Transportation and Parking Services website at https://transportation.gwu.edu/first-year-and-second-year-student-parking-policy

As we have announced as part of our updated fall schedule, we are not housing any students on the Mount Vernon Campus this fall. Keep in mind, however, that if GW re-opens for in-person instruction in the spring first- and second-year students may bring cars to the Mount Vernon Campus but will be required to park on the campus itself. Parking is prohibited on the streets adjacent/surrounding the Mount Vernon Campus and students may not drive to and from the Foggy Bottom campus for their daily commuting needs in order to comply with the Foggy Bottom campus parking restrictions.

We appreciate your attention to this good neighbor issue and look forward to welcoming you to the university.

Sincerely,

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