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Residential Parking Permit Review

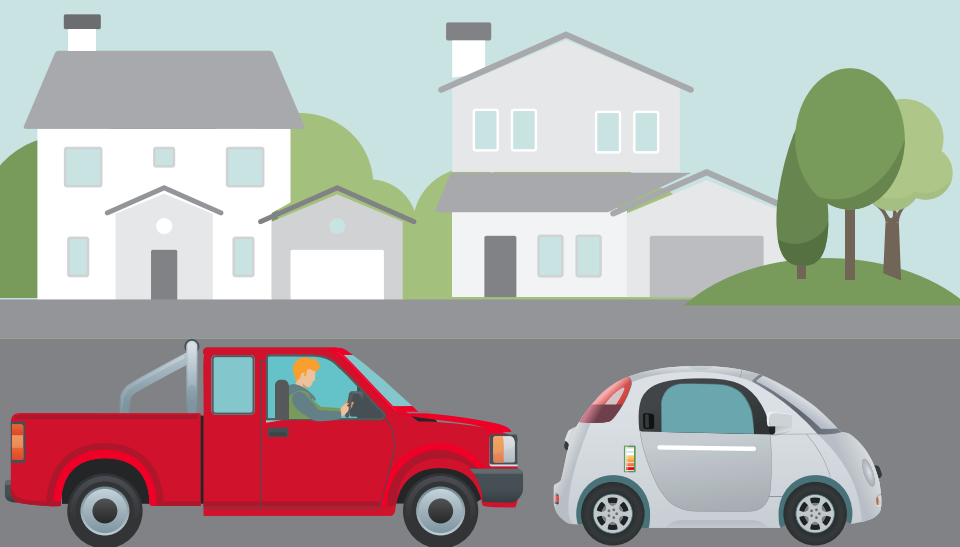


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How to use this booklet

As you go through this booklet think about others point of view on the topic or question. How might a visitor to a residence feel? Or how would a homeowner feel? What about how a visitor to a business, organization or institution?

What is the residential parking permit program?

The program is a parking management tool used in areas next to amenities that generate parking demand. There are parking restrictions on residential streets within a larger residential parking permit zone to deter all day non-resident parking. Residents are able to get a permit that exempts them from the restrictions.



What is a residential parking permit zone?

A residential parking permit zone is a community or geographic area of the city that is used for parking by people who don't live in the area. Once a zone is established each individual street can petition neighbours to get parking restrictions on their street.

Who is eligible?

Once a street has restrictions in place, most residents are eligible to get residential permits. Each vehicle receiving a permit must be registered to an address on the street. Residents can get 2 permits for free, and additional permits are \$50/year.

What about visitors?

Visitor permits are also available for free to households that are single detached, semi-detached, duplexes, rowhouses or townhouses. These permits are not attached to a specific registration like the resident permits are but are for the use of visitors to the residential property. Visitor permits allow parking within 150m of the residence.

How are restrictions determined?

Through the petition process, residents choose what restriction they want for their street. In some areas this results in a confusing patchwork where neighboring streets have very different restrictions.



Examples of restrictions:

Residential Parking Permit

No Parking Except by Residential Parking Permit – only residents and their visitors can park on these streets.

2 Hour Parking

Except by Residential Parking Permit – the public can park on these streets for up to 2 hours, residents and their visitors can park longer than 2 hours.

2 Hour Paid Parking

Except by Residential Parking Permit – the public can park on these streets for up to 2 hours but must pay for their parking. Residents and their visitors can park longer than 2 hours and do not have to pay.



What about commercial areas?

In commercial areas two tools are used to achieve efficient street usage: time restrictions and pricing.

When pricing is used commercial visitors have incentive to use the free residential streets to avoid payment.

Residents can choose to put in restrictions to discourage or completely ban the commercial visitor parking. When this happens, customers have a hard time getting to shops and services which harms those businesses. These competing interests can cause friction between residents and businesses within a neighborhood.

Time restrictions?

Time Restriction Only – parking is free, but is limited to the time on the sign.

Payment required?

Time Restriction and Payment – parking requires payment and is limited to the time on the sign.

With all of this in mind...
how can we make
sure we consider
how a resident, visitor
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towards this?

What happens around large institutions?

Large institutions like sporting venues, educational facilities and hospitals and major transit locations can generate parking demand within communities that are within walking distance. Restrictions in nearby communities discourage visitors to the institutions or transit customers from parking on residential streets and walking to their destination.



In-zone commuting

Residential parking permit zones tend to be larger areas. Residents with permits may park anywhere within the zone, including many blocks away from their own homes on other streets near the parking generator.

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On-site parking

Through the Planning process, the City has requirements for residential properties to provide on-site parking space. Once the residence is complete, the required parking space may be used for alternative purposes and residents park on the street. This activity reduces public parking available for visitors.



**On-street parking
is a public amenity.
Using it efficiently is in
everyone's best interest.**

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