

INTRODUCTION:

Not being able to find a parking space in your neighborhood can be a frustrating experience. Like many major cities, the City of Ann Arbor has initiated a program that serves as a solution to many of the parking problems in residential neighborhoods, The Residential Parking Program (RPP). Residents with a valid RPP permit related to their specific RPP district will be exempt from the posted time limits.

The Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program allows vehicles owned by residents to park in an RPP neighborhood beyond the posted time limit without being ticketed.

This brochure answers some basic questions concerning the program and the criteria for requesting a neighborhood be designated as an RPP district.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

If your neighborhood is participating in an RPP you will need to acquire and display a residential parking permit decal for every vehicle that will park beyond the posted time limit on neighborhood streets during the specified enforcement period.

If your neighborhood is considering an RPP, the following is required:

A City resident may request that the City establish or amend a residential parking district by: (a) paying any applicable fee and, (b) by submitting to the Customer Service Center a petition that proposes the location of the district and the parking restrictions that should apply to it, and that is signed by a person residing in at least sixty percent of the residentially-zoned parcels in the proposed district.

Any such district shall consist of, and be described by, any City-owned or -used right- or rights-of-way, or any portions thereof, that exceed one thousand feet in length and that are described by a range of addresses, or list of parcels.

City staff will evaluate the petition request, ensure that the petition requirements are met, and make a recommendation to City Council as required.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Pay careful attention to the parking signs because parking enforcement is a necessary part of an effective RPP.

Vehicles may not park within four (4) feet of each side of a public or private driveway; within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant; within an intersection; within 20 feet of a crosswalk, or if none, then within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of streets; or within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a street. Any vehicle that is parked for a period of time so that it appears to be abandoned may be tagged and required to be removed within 48 hours. *These rules apply even if the vehicle displays a valid RPP permit.*

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is a Residential Parking Program (RPP)?

RPPs were designated primarily for residential areas where there is a scarcity of convenient off-street parking for residents, where the majority of legal on-street parking spaces are utilized by commuters and non-residents, and where residents are experiencing traffic, noise, and safety problems.

The RPP seeks to alleviate a common set of problems found in cities with residential neighborhoods close to non-residential developments such as offices, stores, hospitals, restaurants, schools, and major transit routes.

How can I apply for a permit? To apply for a permit you must be a resident of the RPP district and you must show proof of residency. Proof of residency can be any one of the following: current utility bill containing the appropriate name and address; rent or lease agreement containing the appropriate name and address; notarized declaration of residency by the owner or manager of a rental property; driver's license with the appropriate name and address. Applicants must resolve all outstanding City-related financial obligations prior to receiving a permit.

The permit application is available through the City of Ann Arbor's Customer Service Unit, 301 E. Huron, Monday-Friday between 7:30am and 5:30pm. You may also visit our website to print the application form

(www.A2gov.org, under "Services" select "Parking", select "Residential Parking", select "Residential Parking Permit Program", select "Residential Parking Permit Application") and return by mail, **along with required proofs of residency** and payment, to: City of Ann Arbor-Customer Service Unit, P. O. Box 8647, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8647.

Each resident of a district is eligible to receive up to two parking permits for that district. One fixed permit and one visitor hangtag. A maximum of five (5) permits will be issued per household regardless of the actual number of residents or vehicles registered at the household. Fraternities, sororities, and "group housing" are eligible for a maximum of ten permits for that household.

How much does the permit cost? The \$59 annual fee per resident vehicle was established by Council Resolution on May 6, 2019. Replacement permits can be purchased for \$15 by removing & returning the old permit (or pieces that include the permit number) within the same permit year. Per Council resolution, permits issued in the Northside parking area are exempt from the annual fee.

When does the permit expire? Permits expire each calendar year on August 31. Permits issued to residents of the Northside parking area are valid April 1 – October 31 each calendar year.

I have two cars. Can I get two permits? Permits are issued one per licensed driver, per household. If you have multiple vehicles and the same number of licensed drivers in the residence, each licensed driver may qualify upon proof of residency. Each Participating Household may purchase one transferable placard to be used on a vehicle of its choice (trucks over 5500 lbs do not qualify). Placard purchase rules vary, please see criteria. Note that RPP areas are limited to five permits per household except as allowed by criteria.

Can I give my permit to someone else? No. The permit must be affixed to the vehicle noted on the application form. Permits are non-transferable. Only the placards are transferable as they are not assigned to a specific vehicle.

If I sell my car can I get another permit? Yes. You must remove and return the old permit (or pieces that include the permit number) within that same permit year in order to receive a replacement for \$15. You must provide required proofs of residency.

Where should I place my decal? Place your permit in the front windshield on the driver's side of the vehicle (lower left).

Can my permit be revoked? Yes. If you falsify any information on the RPP application form or submit false documents in order to obtain a permit, or if you allow someone to use or display your parking permit, the permit will be revoked. The exception is the placard which is intended to be transferable.

How can service companies park in the neighborhood to work on my house? If a resident has a valid residential parking permit and needs to utilize a service provider who needs to park beyond the posted time limit, the resident may contact the Community Standards office at 794-6942 to request a temporary waiver for that one day. You may also fax them at 994-2612 or email them at CommunityStandards@a2gov.org. There is no physical permit issued for this temporary waiver.

If I have off-street parking, do I need a permit? No one is required to purchase a permit. Participation in the program is voluntary. However, if you choose not to participate you must obey the posted time limits in the area if you wish to park on the street and not receive a parking ticket.

I drive a motorcycle. Can I get a permit? Yes. Proof of residency must be the motorcycle registration showing it is registered in your name, plus a second proof of residency (see "How Can I Apply For a Permit?"). The decal must be affixed on the front right wheel bar of the motorcycle.

Can I get a permit for my truck? Yes. If you operate a small pick-up truck or van (5,500 pounds or less) you are eligible for a permit if the vehicle is registered to you and you have the required proof of residency. Trucks weighing more than 5,500 pounds are subject to the restrictions covered in Chapter 126, Section 10:63 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Ann Arbor.

How can I be sure that the City will enforce the RPP regulations? When the RPP program is implemented an enforcement officer will be assigned to patrol your area on a regular basis. Officers will ticket individual vehicles that violate posted restrictions. The Dispatch Office can be reached at 994-2911.

I maintain two homes and my car is registered at the other address. Can I get a permit? Yes, as long as you provide a copy of the vehicle registration showing the vehicle is registered to you and one other proof of residence in the RPP District.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Call the Customer Service Unit
at 734-794-6320



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