

**Seattle Department of Transportation
Restricted Parking Zone Permits for Businesses
Link Light Rail Station Areas – June 2009**

RPZ Decals:

- Business owners can receive up to two RPZ decals at no cost¹, and an unlimited number of additional decals at \$45.00 each, for use by employees of the business. Each employee may be issued no more than one decal.
- To be eligible, business owners must submit a completed application, photocopy of City of Seattle Business License, the provided signed Affidavit listing employees' names and vehicle information, and required payment. All vehicles must be registered in the State of Washington, unless the individual provides documentation that they are on active duty military or a full-time, non-resident student.
- What your RPZ decal will do: A properly displayed RPZ decal will exempt a permitted vehicle from the time limit parking prohibitions in areas designated with signs reading, "EXCEPT BY ZONE PERMIT." Your decal must be permanently affixed to your vehicle to avoid citation.
- What your RPZ will not do: An RPZ decal does not exempt a vehicle from any parking restrictions or controls other than the RPZ prohibitions. For example, it does not make it legal to park a vehicle:
 - On the street longer than 72 hours without moving the vehicle;
 - Anywhere else where parking is illegal as defined in the Seattle Municipal Code.
- Having an RPZ decal on your vehicle will only exempt your vehicle. You may obtain a guest permit (limit of two—see below) for your visitors' vehicles.

Placement of the Decal:

- **PERMANENTLY AFFIX** the decal to the **LOWER CENTER OF THE REAR WINDOW** on the inside of the vehicle for which the decal was issued. If your vehicle does not have a rear window or it would be difficult to display the decal there, place the decal in the lower left hand corner (driver's side) of the front windshield.
- If the decal is not properly displayed, and is not clearly visible for Parking Enforcement Officers, you will not be exempt from time limit prohibitions and will be liable for citation.

Guest Permits:

- Businesses can receive two guest hangtags: one at no cost¹ and one additional for \$15.00.
- Guest permits are valid only when placed on the rear view mirror of the guest's vehicle. Guest permits are to be used by visitors of the business.
- Use of guest permits by employees is only allowed in limited situations, e.g. when an employee's regular vehicle is at the repair shop. Guest permits are not intended for daily use for longer than two weeks at a time.
- Be sure to have your guest return the permit to you before leaving. If a guest permit is lost, you can receive up to two replacements. The cost for the first replacement is \$15.00; the second \$25.00. After two guest permits are lost, no other guest permits will be issued until the next renewal cycle.

¹ No cost decals and guest hangtags are provided for initial 2-year cycle only. After the initial 2-year cycle, all decals and hangtags will be at regular cost.

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Replacement:

If an employee leaves employment with your business, changes vehicles, has a windshield replaced or there is another reason requiring the replacement of a decal, remove the decal and return it (even if it is in several pieces) with a letter stating name, business, old decal number, new vehicle information (make, model, color, license plate) and the reason for the request. A new decal will be provided at no charge. If no old decal is returned, a \$15.00 replacement fee will be charged.

Other Users:

- Property owners are eligible for one decal, at no cost¹. Submit proof of property ownership with application, such as a copy of a title to the property, or a mortgage statement.
- Temporary permits may be available for special situations, such as contractors actively working on a construction project in the building, or other special event. To request consideration for issuance of a temporary permit, please contact the Traffic Permits Counter at (206) 684-5086 or rpzinfo@seattle.gov.

General information:

- **MISUSE OF A PARKING DECAL OR GUEST PERMIT:** Be sure to use the decal only on the vehicle for which it was issued. It is illegal to sell or transfer RPZ decals or guest permits to unauthorized persons. If a parking decal or guest permit is misused, your business's eligibility for all RPZ permits will be revoked for a period of one year and you could be subject to other municipal citations.
- Parking decals and guest permits may not be used on commercial and other large vehicles that are subject to SMC 11.72.070, and are over eighty (80) inches wide.
- Parking decals and guest permits are to be used no more than six blocks away from the permittee's business address.
- Permit fees are non-refundable.
- There is a \$20.00 fee for all checks returned for insufficient funds.
- Per RCW 46.61.582: Any person who legally possesses a disabled decal or license plate shall be allowed to park in any Restricted Parking Zone without a permit. All other applicable laws shall apply.
- LINK light rail opens Saturday, July 18. RPZ Enforcement begins Monday July 20.
- For additional information or clarification, please call SDOT's Traffic Permits Counter at (206) 684-5086 or e-mail rpzinfo@seattle.gov.

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