

Restricted Parking Zones in Seattle

About Restricted Parking Zones in Seattle

- Restricted Parking Zones (RPZs) are areas where you can only park on the street for up to two or four hours, or in some cases not allowed at all, unless you live in the zone and have a permit.
- We create RPZs around areas like hospitals, universities, or light rail stations where there are many daytime commuters and parking is difficult. If you live in an RPZ, you and your neighbors get priority for parking instead of competing with commuters.
- By encouraging people to consider other ways to get to work instead of driving, RPZs help us achieve our climate-friendly transportation goals.



How do RPZs work?

- You will see signs, like the one pictured here, on blocks within an RPZ.
- If you live in a Zone, you can buy permits for yourself and/or guests so you can park on the street for longer than the posted limit.
- You can still park in RPZ areas if you don't live there, but you must obey the posted time limits and other restrictions.
- You cannot park in the same spot on the street for longer than 72 hours, even if you have an RPZ permit.

How do I get an RPZ permit?

- You can use our [look-up tool](#) to check if your address is in an RPZ. If you live in an RPZ, the tool will direct you to the permit application.
- You can complete your application and pay for your permit online.
 - > The cost for an RPZ permit is \$95 for two years.
 - > We do offer an income-eligible permit. If you qualify, you can get an RPZ permit for \$10. Visit our website to learn more about income-eligible permits.

Can I expand an RPZ to include my street?

Your block has to meet certain requirements to be added to an existing RPZ. You can ask us to expand a nearby RPZ if:

- Your block touches an existing RPZ
- At least 75% of the parking spaces on your block are being used
- At least 60% of your neighbors sign a petition to join the RPZ

If you're interested in expanding an RPZ to another block, we're here to help! Email us at RPZRequests@seattle.gov for more information.

Can I request a new RPZ for my neighborhood?

You can ask for a new RPZ in your neighborhood, but there are specific requirements. Here's what you need to do:

- Read more details on how we create a new Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) on our website.
- Send an email from a neighborhood organization or from residents of the area to RPZRequests@seattle.gov.
- Include the source of commuter parking and identify which residential blocks are affected by on-street parking congestion in your e-mail.

Can businesses get RPZ permits?

- If your business or organization is near Beacon Hill, Mount Baker, Columbia City, Othello, or Rainier Beach Link Light Rail station in southeast Seattle, you can apply for parking permits for your employees. We don't allow employee permits in most other RPZ areas.
- To learn more about business parking permits, visit our [website](#).



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