

Restricted Parking Zones in Seattle

WHAT ARE RPZS?

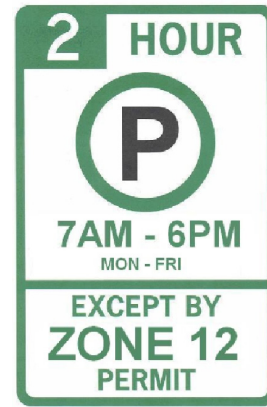
- Restricted Parking Zones (RPZs) are designated areas where on-street parking is typically limited to two or four hours except for residents who have a permit.
- We create RPZs around areas where there are many daytime commuters, like hospitals, universities, or light rail stations.
- Because curbspace is a limited public resource, we use RPZs to prioritize residential and short-term visitor parking over commuter parking in residential and mixed-use neighborhoods. This supports the city's goal to encourage climate-friendly transportation choices by encouraging the use of alternate ways to get to work besides driving.

HOW DO RPZS WORK?

- Signs, like the one pictured here, are installed on blocks within an RPZ.
- Residents within an RPZ can buy permits that allow their vehicle(s) to park on street longer than posted limits.
- Since curbspace is public, non-permitted vehicles can still park in RPZ areas but must obey the posted time limits.
- City law does not allow a vehicle to be parked on a city street for longer than 72 hours. This includes parking in an RPZ with a permit.

HOW CAN I GET AN RPZ PERMIT?

- You can check to see if your address is in an RPZ by using the [look-up tool on our website](#). If your address is eligible, the tool will direct you to the permit application.
- A standard RPZ permit is currently \$95 for two years. Please note: there is a \$10, income-eligible RPZ permit available. For more information on income-eligible permits, [visit this website](#).



HOW CAN I EXPAND AN EXISTING RPZ TO MY BLOCK?

Expansions are possible if:

- Your block is immediately adjacent to an existing RPZ
- At least 75% of parking spaces on your block are full
- 60% or more of households on your block sign a petition to join the RPZ
- For more information on the process of expanding an RPZ to another block, please contact us at RPZRequests@seattle.gov.

HOW CAN I REQUEST A NEW RPZ FOR MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

- You can submit a request for a new RPZ by sending an email from a neighborhood organization or from residents of the area to RPZRequests@seattle.gov.
- The letter should specify the source of commuter parking and the residential blocks that are experiencing associated on-street parking congestion. Please [consult this web page](#) for more information on creating a new RPZ.

CAN BUSINESSES GET RPZ PERMITS?

- In Southeast Link Light Rail station areas businesses and organizations may purchase permits for employees.
- Most other RPZs are not eligible for employee permits. We review employee permit applications based on specific criteria, such as parking occupancy and availability of transit.
- For more information about business permits, [visit this website](#).

seattle.gov/transportation/RPZPermits



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