

# Residential Parking Permits

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# Resident Parking Permit Prices

## Historic Prices:

1970's-	\$4
1992-	\$8
2011-	\$20
2013- Current	\$25

## Planned changes for the 2027 renewal season:

- Standard Resident Parking Permit \$75
- Self-identified check-off option for residents to pay \$25 if paying \$75 is a financial burden

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## Resident Parking Program- how we calculated costs

Cost type:	Allocation	Totals
Direct Costs:	Full allocation for all direct costs associated with the program, including printing costs, materials cost, etc.	\$52,295
Systems Costs:	Parking Management Information System costs allocated across all users and then by % effort for RPP.	\$354,573
Staff Costs	Full staff costs included (salary, benefits, pension) allocated by % effort for RPP.*	\$2,329,565
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,736,433</b>

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## Costs for RPP Program: Staff Support

- Most staff who support the Resident Parking Program also support other work of the Department.
- For each position included in the cost of the RPP program, a % of the overall cost is allocated based on the level of effort dedicated to the program.

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## Costs for RPP Program: Staff Support

- Staff support for the RPP Program includes:
  - Parking Services: managers, cashiers, support staff, temporary staff\*
  - Parking Enforcement: managers, supervisors, officers and support staff
  - Operations & Engineering: managers, supervisors, traffic maintenance workers, engineers, technicians, permitting
  - Administration: communications, leadership, finance, human resources

\*Temporary staff costs include 3 seasonal clerical staff for 15 weeks at a cost of \$32,000

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## Costs for RPP Program: PMIS System

- Cost for Parking Management Information System(PMIS): \$1,353,333.33 \*
- The cost of the PMIS system is spread across the 50 users of the system in Parking Services and Enforcement
- A percentage of the per employee cost is then allocated to the cost of the RPP program based on their level of effort

\* Full FY 26 numbers extrapolated from YTD numbers

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# Tickets and Revenue

Annual Parking Violation Revenue (FY 2025)	\$11,693,000
Total # of tickets issued (2025)	278,632
# of RPP tickets issued (2025)	38,637
RPP tickets as a % of total tickets issued	13.9%
Average cost of a parking violation	\$42.82
# of violation tickets issued per parking control officer per shift	Approx. 43

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## Does the proposed increase in the resident permit Emerson test?

City Solicitor Megan Bayer's ***Response to Awaiting Report No. 24-4 of 1/22/24 Re: Report on recommendations and legal opinions for adjusting transportation related fees and other considered changes based on the conversations in committee on December 6, 2023:***

- *Applying the Emerson College test to the City's residential parking permit fees, the courts would likely find the current fees charged for the residential parking permits valid. The fees are charged in exchange for a particular governmental service, residential parking registration and stickers, for the use of City property (its public ways) for parking, which only benefits the party paying for the service and is not shared by others. The fee is paid by choice; residents have the option of not utilizing the service if they so desire. Finally, the fee currently charged is not collected to generally raise revenue but to compensate the City for providing the service and managing the expenses related to it.*

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## Program Costs are greater than the revenue from Resident Parking Permit

Total Program Cost: \$ 2,736,433.56

	# Full price permits	# Reduced Fee Permits	Total Revenue
100% full cost	35,942	0	\$ 2,695,650
90% full cost/10% reduced	32,348	3,594	\$ 2,515,940
80% full/ \$20% reduced	28,754	7,188	\$ 2,336,230
75%full/25% reduced	26,957	8,986	\$ 2,246,375
50% full cost/50% reduced	17,971	17,971	\$ 1,797,100

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## Limiting the number of Resident Parking Permits: previous limits

In 2023, residents received:

5+ Permits	4 Permits	3 Permits	2 Permits	1 Permit
20	46	289	2,395	23,779

- In 2024, a limit on the number of permits allowed per person was set at 4.

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# Limiting the number of Resident Parking Permits to 2 permits per person

In 2025, residents received:

4+ Permits	3 Permits	2 Permits	1 Permit
55	337	2,718	28,341

- Notification of limits will be included in all RPP materials
- Letters mailed to all 392 people who currently have three or more resident parking stickers in advance of next renewal season

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## Enforcement unit

Position	Current Salary Range
33 Parking Control Officers	\$50,958-\$66,289 7 Steps
2 Supervisors, 1 Asst. Supervisor, 1 Compliance Officer	\$54,562-\$75,624 \$50,958-\$69,969 7 Steps
Manager, Assistant Manager	\$86,695-\$104,903 \$104,903-\$124,258 7 Steps

## Parking Services unit

Position	Current Salary Range
6 Cashiers	\$49,248-\$68,845 7 Steps
Manager	\$89,571-\$118,919 7 Steps
Assistant Manager	\$74,728-\$88,779 7 Steps