

## Frequently asked questions

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# Residential Permit Parking Program

### Who may purchase permits?

Current residents of the area must submit a copy of their Texas Driver's License and proof of residence. Documents accepted include lease agreements and utility bills.

### How many permits may I purchase?

A resident may purchase a residential decal for each vehicle registered to the address in the RPP area. You may also purchase four visitor permits.

### How long are permits valid?

Permits are valid for one calendar year. Renewal notices are emailed in November.

### Am I guaranteed a parking space with this permit?

No, on-street parking spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The permit allows a vehicle to legally park on the street when permit only parking restrictions are in effect.

### Does this permit mean the curbside space in front of my house is reserved for my vehicles?

No, it does not. Curbside spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Will I still be able to receive deliveries?

Yes - the restrictions do not affect delivery, service or emergency vehicles. These vehicles may park curbside in permit parking areas.

### May I park in other permit-required areas as long as I have a permit?

No. Residents parking in RPP areas with a permit not matching that area are subject to a citation.

### Are holidays or special events exempt from RPP restrictions?

No.

### I have enough parking in my garage and driveway - must I purchase a residential permit?

No, but you may consider purchasing visitor handtags. You may purchase up to four visitor handtags per year.

### My block has been designated an RPP, but residents would like to extend the hours of permit parking. Is that possible?

The application process will need to be repeated to change the hours of an RPP. Because RPPs are designated by City Council, any change or amendment to the RPP must also be accomplished the same way.

### I am planning a party - will my guests be able to park?

Residents may purchase visitor tags or one-day guest passes. One-day guest passes are available individually or in a pack of 20. Five packs may be purchased per year, per household.

### A nurse visits me three days per week. May the nurse's vehicle be parked on the street?

In this situation, residents must purchase a Service Provider permit. These permits may be used by domestic help and caregivers and are limited to two per household.

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# Residential Permit Parking Program

The City of Houston Parking Management Division coordinates the Residential Permit Parking program (RPP) with resident parking needs in mind. Put into place to protect residential areas from commuter parking, the program discourages non-residents from using on-street parking.

Additionally, the RPP program accomplishes the following:

- Protects residents from unreasonable burden in gaining access to their home;
- Promotes the safety, health and welfare of residents by reducing hazardous traffic conditions, noise and pollution;
- Promotes improvements in air quality, convenience and attractiveness of urban residential living.

A residential block may be designated as a RPP through a petitioning process, lasting approximately 4-6 months. The designation allows only residents displaying a valid permit to park along the street during designated times. The RPP designation may only be reversed by an act of City Council.

## Obtain a permit

## Permit Options

### Designation Process



#### Residential Decals

May purchase one for each vehicle registered to the RPP area address

#### Visitor Permits

Limit 4 per household

#### Service Provider Permit

Limit 2 per household

#### One-Day Permit

May be purchased individually or in a pack of twenty

#### One-Day Permit Pack of 20

Limit - 5 packs or 100 individual purchases

### Where may I purchase a permit?

#### In person:

City of Houston  
Parking Management  
2020 McKinney  
Houston, TX 77003  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

#### E-Mail:

Send an e-mail to  
[parking@houstontx.gov](mailto:parking@houstontx.gov)  
requesting a permit. Include  
information regarding  
location of residential area.

### Neighborhood requirements

- The commuter vehicles have affected the quality of life for residents.
- Support of area residents (petition) is evident.
- The problem cannot be solved by any alternative other than permit parking designation.
- Intensive commuter vehicle parking directly affects residents' safety.

- Parking survey results indicate:
  - More than 60 percent on-street parking spaces are occupied
  - At least 25 percent of vehicles parked on-street are used by commuters
  - Times and days of greatest commuter parking along the street are identified

