

What is Paid+Permit parking?

Paid+Permit parking is a new type of Residential Permit Parking (RPP) regulation that uses payment, rather than time limits, to discourage long-term parking by non-permit holders. It is a flexible tool that can accommodate various types of visitors while discouraging those who are simply using residential streets for free parking.

In traditional RPP areas, visitors park for free up to posted time limit, usually two hours. In some instances, the draw of free parking may cause visitors to do the "two-hour shuffle" and simply move their car around the area. Other visitors may need to stay longer than the time limit allows, like plumbers or other service providers, a guest, or someone with business in the area. By removing time limits and allowing pricing to encourage turnover, Paid+Permit parking could better manage parking in some permit areas where there is high demand for parking that exceeds the limited curb space.



What You Should Know about Paid + Permit parking

- It would not be applied on currently metered streets.
- It would not be applied to commercial or retail areas where turnover in parking is vital to the economic well-being of the adjacent businesses.
- It could be effective in neighborhoods where new high-density residential development has moved into an otherwise industrial area.

About the signage

• Paid parking for visitors combined with free parking for vehicles with permits requires specific signage. (Please see image of signage above.) The signage is different than any other signage for RPP or for metered parking, so it is clear as to where vehicles would have to pay to park.

Implementation

Implementing this parking management tool would require approval by the SFMTA Board of Directors, just as with other parking regulations. Paid+Permit parking only would be considered where the need for flexibility is warranted and there is neighborhood support.