



### What You Need to Know about Residential Permit Parking

- **When eligible**, residents may apply only by mail with the following information:
  - a) Current California DMV vehicle registration must be in the applicant's name at permit address.
  - b) Copy of vehicle insurance documents in the applicant's name and address.
  - c) A check for permit fee made payable to: San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.
  - d) The completed RPP application, which will be mailed to you when you become eligible.
- **All delinquent parking** citations must be paid prior to permit being issued.
- **In Area EE**, persons will be limited to one permit and households will be limited to no more than two permits. Permits for in-home medical or child care workers are exempt from the household limit. Waivers of the household limit may be granted if there are additional drivers and there is available parking in the area.
- **Permits must be applied** to either the **left rear bumper** or lower **left rear window** (outside only), plainly visible for the SFMTA Parking Control Officer's inspection. Permits are valid only on the vehicle with the license plate number indicated on the permit.
- The permit exempts the vehicle from RPP time limit restrictions **only**. Street cleaning, red zone, white zone and all other parking restrictions, including parking meters, still apply.
- **Business establishments** in this RPP Area are eligible for one permit per official mailing address. A copy of the current property title/lease and current Business Tax Registration or Tax Exempt Certificate is required. Up to three additional permits for vehicles with commercial license plates registered to the business address are also available.
- **Caregivers**. RPP permits are also available for medical and child caregivers, students and active military personnel. Special application requirements apply.
- **Temporary permits**. Up to 20 1-day permits are available for guests and may be purchased in advance for use as needed. Longer term temporary permits for 2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks may also be available.

*(After approval of the proposed RPP Area by the SFMTA Board of Directors, residents will receive applications to purchase a permit for their vehicles. It will take about three months to install all the RPP signs and print and deliver the RPP decals.)*

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### Frequently Asked Questions about RPP

**What if I do not own a vehicle, but rent one for a few days or have visitors?**

RPP parking regulations are usually in effect Monday through Friday, from 8am to 6pm. In most Areas, visitors do not need a permit to park in the evening or on weekends. If you need to rent a vehicle or have visitors during hours of enforcement, you may purchase up to 20 1-day temporary permits per year. In addition, if you are a new resident, or living here temporarily, you may purchase 2, 4, 6 or 8-week temporary permits.

**I own a business in the area. Can I get a permit?**

An individual who owns or leases commercial property within an RPP area is eligible to purchase one permit. The permit is issued to the individual holding the lease. To purchase a permit, the business owner must show a current property lease or deed, a current business tax certificate and a current vehicle registration. A business address is eligible for only one permit. Up to three additional permits for vehicles with commercial license plates registered to the business address are also available. Businesses wishing to purchase a permit are strongly encouraged to call the Customer Service Center at 701-3000 to more fully understand the requirements for obtaining a permit.

**I have care-takers come to my home every day. Can I get a permit for them?**

There are permits available for both child care providers and for medical care providers. For Medical care providers, the application must be accompanied by written authorization from the resident's licensed physician. An application for child care provider permit must be accompanied by a copy of the child's birth certificate.

**If approved, when will RPP go into effect?**

Once the SFMTA Board approves the establishment of a new RPP Area, it takes up to three months to install the signs and print the new decals. Residents will receive letters informing them of when RPP will become effective, along with an application for a permit.

**How do I purchase a permit?**

Once eligible, you may purchase your permit by mail. Residents will receive letters informing them of when RPP will become effective, along with an application for a permit. If you lose your application, you can download the application from the SFMTA website, [www.sfmta.com/rpp](http://www.sfmta.com/rpp) complete the application and send it along with copies of your vehicle registration and insurance and the permit fee to Customer Service Center at 11 So Van Ness.

**How is RPP enforced?**

RPP is enforced Monday thru Friday or Saturday, depending on the RPP Area. Parking Control Officers (PCOs) work in shifts starting either at 6:30 am, 8:00 am or 1:00 pm. Usually, one Parking Control Officer (PCO) is assigned to each RPP area. For large areas, it may be more than one.

**How far do I need to move my car so as not to get a ticket if I don't have an RPP decal?**

In RPP areas, you must move your vehicle before the posted time limit (2 hours usually) is reached if you do not have a permit. The law requires you to move one block away or at least one-tenth (1/10) of a mile—about 500 feet. Do not park in the same block as you did for the previous 2 hours, or you



may be issued a citation! Not all vehicle tires are marked with chalk, so don't assume that not having a chalk mark means your car has not been checked.

### **Can RPP regulations be changed?**

After a new RPP Area is established, the specific days and times of restricted parking may be changed. For instance, if residents want parking restrictions to extend later in the day or to Saturdays, they may petition the SFMTA to make these changes. As with any petition to modify traffic regulations, the petition must have signatures from at least 50% of the households on the blocks that want the change. In addition, any block within an existing RPP Area may petition the SFMTA to have RPP eligibility on their block rescinded. The petition must have signatures from at least 50% of the households on the block that desires the change. Most requests to modify RPP Area restrictions take about 4 to 5 months to be processed.

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