



What You Need to Know About Residential Permit Parking

- **When eligible**, residents may apply in person or 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.
- **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 for delivery vehicles.
- **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.)

Visit www.sfmta.com/rpp or call (415) 701-2311 for more information.



Frequently Asked Questions about RPP

What if I live just outside the boundary of an RPP Area. How can I get a permit?

The establishment of a new RPP Area or the extension of an existing Area is initiated by residents. If you live on a block outside any existing RPP Area, you, together with your neighbors, may petition the SFMTA to have your block included in the Area closest to your residence. The petition must have signatures from at least 50% of the residential units on the block. Once your block is added to an RPP area, you are eligible to purchase a permit.

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 low cost 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. In addition, up to 3 permits may be issued for commercial delivery vehicles. Vehicles must display a commercial license plate and be registered to the business at the business address in the RPP area. 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 in one of two ways, by mail or in-person. If you choose to order your permit by mail, you can download the application from the SFMTA website, 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. You may also go directly to 11 So. Van Ness with the proper documentation and pay for your permit there.



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 don't 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 can 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. Now, some PCOs have handheld electronic tracking computers that will log your license plate as being parked on a specific block. When the officer returns to the block in 2 hours, if you are still parked anywhere on that block, you will be issued a citation.

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 until 8 pm 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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