

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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I. Introduction.

These Rules and Regulations are promulgated for the implementation of the Overnight Parking Program managed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) through the Parking and Traffic Engineering Divisions, which provide parking and traffic control services for the City of Providence (“City”), which are enforced by the City’s Police Department, all in compliance with Part II, Chapter 15-2 of the City’s Code of Ordinances (“Code”). The authority for these regulations is found in the City Charter, Section 1017.

The Department of Public Works is the City’s primary agency for the regulation of traffic and parking. Regulations to control vehicular use of city streets are necessary, and hereby established, as an integral part of management of public streets and rights of way.

II. Applicability.

These regulations apply to all Resident Permit Parking Areas designated by the Department of Public Works. The creation of Resident Permit Parking Areas will be based upon neighborhood conditions, including the relative lack of driveways, amount of off-street parking available, frequency of overnight parking violations and the number of properties that have legally paved yards that can accommodate parking.

These regulations shall supersede and replace any existing rules/regulations that have been established by the City for the Pilot Overnight Parking Program.

III. Rules for Resident Permit Parking Areas

- A. Overnight Parking – Between the hours of 2:00AM and 5:00AM, parking will be permitted in designated Resident Permit Parking Areas for vehicles for which the City has issued Overnight Parking Permits. The City will charge an annual fee for the permit, which fee shall be established by the Curbside Administrator based upon the cost to implement, administer, and maintain the program.
- B. Areas eligible for Parking - The Department of Public Works will establish which streets within the City are eligible for the Resident Permit Parking program. Streets that will be omitted from the program include streets that are less than 20 feet in width, Arterial Streets and streets that are currently designated as “No Parking Anytime” by signage for daytime hours. Persons residing on these streets are eligible to park on other streets within the designated Overnight Parking Areas. The City will individually evaluate Streets that are between 20 feet and 24 feet in to determine if parking will be allowed, but such parking shall be permitted on one side of the street only.
- C. Eligibility – Any person residing within a designated Overnight Parking Area in the City .is eligible to participate in the Resident Permit Parking program, provided that they can meet all of the following requirements:
 - a. The vehicle that is being parked overnight must be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

- b. The resident applying for a permit must provide the Department of Public Works with proof of residency, which may include, for example, a utility bill, rental agreement, mortgage statement, etc.
- c. All outstanding parking violations issued on the vehicle registration must be paid in order to obtain or renew a parking permit.
- d. No more than 2 (two) vehicles per residential unit are eligible to receive a permit. A residential unit is defined as a single-family home, or in the case of a multi-family or apartment/condominium complex, as each of the units within the structure.
- e. No person residing in a dwelling or structure with six (6) or more units is eligible to obtain a permit under this program, unless the applicant can demonstrate hardship.
- f. Pursuant to Section II Article 15-11 of the City Code of Ordinances, no commercial vehicle in excess of 20 feet in length or 6500GVW is allowed to park in a residential neighborhood. Such vehicles will not be eligible to obtain a permit for overnight parking.

D. Enforcement – The regulation and enforcement of the Resident Permit Parking Program will be primarily performed by the Parking Enforcement Officers working under the jurisdiction of the Police Department, and regularly sworn Police Officers. All parking regulations on a particular street shall be enforced as posted. For example, if a street within the district prohibits parking from 8:00AM – 10:00AM, Monday - Friday, parking is prohibited on this street only during this interval. If the street, or portion of a

street is designated “No Parking Anytime”, parking is prohibited at all times, even if a vehicles has an Overnight Parking Permit. When a snow emergency or another type of emergency is declared by the City, all permit holders must remove their vehicles from the street until such time as the emergency and/or parking ban is lifted. All other parking regulations, such as parking within 8 feet of a fire hydrant or 25 feet to a street corner must be observed at all times. In addition, the following methods will be utilized to assist in the enforcement and control of the Resident Permit Parking Areas:

- a. Signage – The Department of Traffic Engineering will install signage to indicate where overnight parking is permitted and/or prohibited.
- b. Mapping – Maps will be distributed to permit holders indicating where overnight parking is permitted.
- c. City Website – Information will be posted on the City’s website detailing the streets that are eligible for overnight parking.

E. Additional Regulations – In addition to the aforementioned rules and regulations, the following provisions are established for the operation of the Residential Permit Parking Program:

- a. Opt-Out Provision: If the residents on a street within a Residential Permit Parking Area prefer not to have their street be part of the Overnight Parking Program, two-thirds (66 2/3%)s of the residents .must sign a petition indicating same. The petition may be signed by one person per household/unit, as previously defined in these rules. A street is defined by its terminus within the district (full length) and not

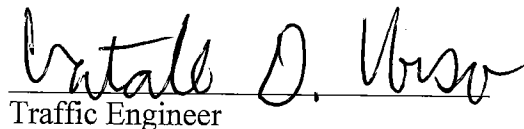
on a "block – by – block" basis. However, in no case shall the terminus of a street designated for Overnight Parking exceed 10 blocks.

- b. Guest Parking: The City of Providence currently allows Guest Parking up to 5 times per month per guest. Residents may apply in advance for a guest parking permit at the Providence Municipal Court or the Department of Public Works. The cost of the guest pass shall be \$25.00 per year.
- c. Handicap Parking: Persons who possess a valid handicap placard issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles are exempt from paying any fees associated with the Overnight Parking Program. A copy of the valid placard must be presented when applying for a permit in order to be exempt from paying.

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