CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Department of Transportation
Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP)

In order to ensure that curb parking spaces are available for residents in residential areas adjacent to commercial establishments and sporting venues, the City of Atlanta enacted ordinances for establishment of residential permit programs. Residential permit parking program is intended to prevent all day or extended hours of parking by commuters on residential streets in direct competition with residents.

The intent of such a program is not to reserve available cub parking spaces for exclusive use of adjacent residential properties. Rather, it is intended to limit parking for extended hours by permit only with certain provisions as outlined below when limited off-street parking spaces exist for residents, high percentage of available curb parking spaces is occupied and high percentage of curb space is occupied by commuter vehicles.

A) Residents of a residential area who desire to have such area designated as a residential permit parking area shall submit to the office of transportation a written request seeking such designation in the form of a petition.

B) Upon receipt of a petition referred in City Code Section 150-148, the Office of Transportation shall undertake evaluations and studies as needed to determine whether such residential area is eligible for designation as a residential permit parking area.

C) The petition must be supported by the signature of one adult resident from 70 percent or more of the residences within the area, provided only one signature shall be allowed for each street address. Apartment buildings and other multiple-family dwellings including condominiums shall be considered as one residence for petitioning purposes and shall be limited to one signature, which shall be the signature of the property owner or the signature of a person who is legally authorized to sign on behalf of the property owner.

D) The minimum area to establish permit parking program is two contiguous block faces.

E) Residences on corner lots are included in the permit area for purposes of the petitioning process and, ultimately, as part of the program.

F) All residences are included in the program if their access is located on the street proposed for residential permit program.

G) In establishing the eligibility of a proposed residential permit parking area, the Office of Transportation shall consider the following factors:

1) The availability of off-street parking including but not limited to driveways, garages, and other types of parking facilities for residents; and

2) Studies of parking characteristics within the area being considered for residential parking must show that, during the time period of the proposed restrictions, curb parking space occupancy exceed 75 percent and non-residential vehicles represent at least 33 percent of the parked vehicles; and

3) For the designated residential permit parking area to meet residential parking program requirements, it must receive at least 70 points based on a combination of lack of off-street parking, percentage of non-resident vehicles and occupied parking spaces.

H) Designation of the area as a residential permit parking area will result in one or more of the following expectations for the area:

1) A reduction in non-residential vehicles and the accompanying energy waste and air pollution
2) A reduction in total vehicle miles traveled.
3) A reduction in traffic congestion and illegal parking.
4) An improvement in vehicular and pedestrian safety.

I) Having determined that the requirements for a residential permit parking area are met, the Office of Transportation shall assign an appropriate and unique identification letter to the area and shall notify the petition coordinator that the area has been approved as a residential permit parking area

J) Petitioners may opt-in to:

a. allow non-residents to park for two hours without a permit during the time when permit is required for unlimited parking by permitted residents and/or
b. set aside 30% of available parking spaces for parking without a permit.

The preferred option(s) must be stated during petition process. Similarly, if neither of the above options is desirable, it must be stated during petition process.

K) The number of permits issued is limited to one permit if a dwelling has off-street parking or a driveway; otherwise two permits. Two guest permits which are valid for specified number of days is issued with each permit.

L) No program may be in place for more than twelve hours per day.

M) A neighborhood may opt-in and allow for designated parking for non-permit holders either by setting aside 30% of the allowable parking spaces for this purpose and/or two-hour parking without a permit. The spaces that are set aside may be used by anybody including residents with a permit. If a neighborhood does not opt in during original petition process, the next opportunity to opt in will be no earlier than three (3) years from date the RPPP is established which will be the same as the date the RPPP signs are installed. Petition requirement to opt-in is consistent with Section C above.

Point System for the Consideration of a Residential Parking Permit

The following point system is utilized to determine whether an area (a minimum of two blocks) meets minimum requirements for residential permit parking program establishment.

Lack off Off-Street Parking for Residents

- ≥70% of residences lack off-street parking - 35 points
- 50% to 69% of residences lack off-street parking – 30 points
- 25% to 49% of residences lack off-street parking – 25 points
- <25% of residences lack off-street parking – 0 points

Occupied Parking Spaces

- ≥80 % parking spaces occupied within the proposed permit parking area – 30 points
- 75 % to 79% parking spaces occupied within the proposed permit parking area – 20 points
- <75 % parking spaces occupied within the proposed permit parking area – 0 points

Percentage of Commuters

≥75% of parked cars are commuters – 35 points
50% to 74% of parked cars are commuters – 30 points
33% to 49% of parked cars are commuters – 25 points
<33% of parked cars are commuters- 0 points

To consider an area for a residential permit parking program a total of at **least 70 points is required.**