

This brochure is provided by the City's Parking Services Office to assist citizens in making an informed decision about whether a Residential Parking District is right for your neighborhood.

With any type of restricted parking program there are benefits as well as burdens. This brochure is intended to answer questions you may have about Residential Parking Districts.

Remember to respect your neighbors who might have a different opinion about this issue.

Please feel free to contact the Parking Services Office at 781-7230 if you have any questions. We are here to assist you with your parking needs.

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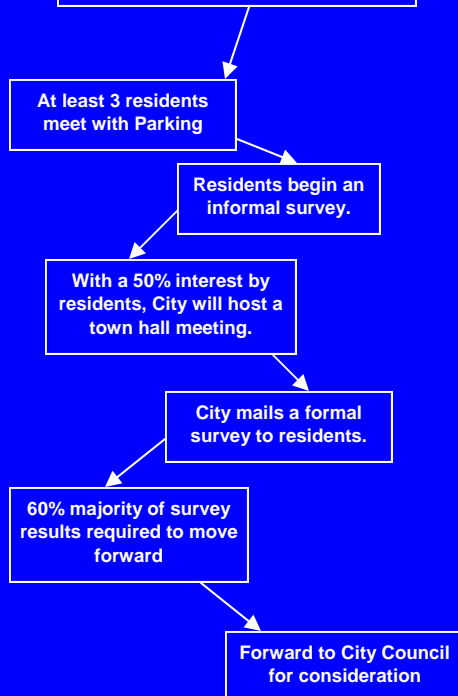


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# RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT DISTRICT *Information Guide*



## WHERE DO I BEGIN?



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# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

## **1. What are the reasons for having a Residential Parking District in my neighborhood?**

If you live in an area that is predominantly residential and the availability of on-street parking is limited due to the high demand from users who do not reside in the neighborhood **or** you want to preserve the character of the existing neighborhood by limiting the on-street parking to residents in your neighborhood.

## **2. What factors does the City look at when considering a parking request?**

The City Council considers the negative impact of the vehicles parked by persons not residing in the area on: a) environmental characteristics such as ambient noise levels and air pollution levels; b) pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety in the area; and c) the burden on persons residing in the area gaining access to their residences.

## **3. How is the process started?**

a) At least 3 neighborhood residents interested in forming a parking district schedule a meeting with Parking Services to obtain assistance. b) If warranted, the 3 residents begin an informal survey in the neighborhood. c) If there is more than 50% of the households in favor of pursuing a parking district the City will hold a meeting to answer questions asked by the residents. d) The City will then mail out a formal survey with self addressed envelopes to determine the final percentage of those in favor and those who are not in favor of the Residential Parking District.

## **4. What percentage of households must be in favor of establishing a Residential Parking District?**

It takes a 60% majority of the households in the affected area.

If that threshold is met during the formal survey, the Residential Parking District will be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

## **5. What happens if a household doesn't send in my survey to the City?**

If you fail to answer the survey it will not be counted in the determination of the percentage of those in favor of or against the Residential Parking District.

## **6. What if a household has more than two cars that need to park on the street?**

The City will issue only 2 permits to the property owner. All other vehicles will need to be parked off the street.

**The property owner can distribute the permits as they choose and to whom they choose.** If you rent, it is your responsibility to get a permit from the property owner.

## **7. What if I forget to put up my permit or it is not displayed correctly?**

You may receive a parking citation. Your permit needs to be properly displayed while parked on a street within a district during the posted hours of enforcement.

## **8. What happens if I have family or guests visit me, do they need permits?**

If you have family or guests visit and they park on the street during the posted times they need to display a residential parking permit or they may be issued a parking citation. Since permits are transferable, you may allow a guest to display your permit in their vehicle or you may apply for a temporary permit with the City Parking Services Office if you need to park more than the permitted two vehicles. You will need to plan ahead for these occurrences.

## **9. Do I need to obtain a special permit for contractors, care-givers or gardeners that come to provide service at my home?**

Yes, it is recommended that you obtain a temporary permit with the City Parking Services Office to prevent a citation. In some cases a vehicle with a commercial license plate, which is under control of a person who does not reside within the district, and is providing a service for hire, may be exempt.

## **10. If I am having a special event are additional permits available?**

If you are having an infrequent, special event you must plan ahead and request temporary permits from the City's Parking Services Office.

## **11. Can I park on any street within the permit district with my permit?**

No, you can only park on your block or the adjoining numbered block.

## **12. What happens if my permit is lost, stolen or destroyed?**

If you lose your permit, it is stolen, or it is destroyed you have to pay \$15 to obtain a replacement and \$25 for each additional replacement request thereafter.

## **13. How are parking districts enforced?**

Enforcement of a permit district is done on random patrol and on a complaint basis when staff is available.

## **14. Will the city put up signs on my property?**

The city may have to place a sign and post in front of your property adjacent to the street within the city right-of-way to identify the presence of a Residential Parking District.

## **15. How long does it take to get a Residential Parking District in my neighborhood?**

The length of time depends on staff availability and the complexity of the request. It generally takes 4 to 6 months to implement a Residential Parking District. The City Council has established a policy that student related parking district requests will only be considered when Cal Poly is in session.

## **16. Is there a process to discontinue a Residential Permit District in my neighborhood?**

Yes, discontinuing a permit district requires the same process as beginning one. You must obtain a 60% majority in your neighborhood and Council approval. A Residential Parking District must remain in place for a minimum of one year before the City will process such a request.

Please contact the Parking Services Office at (805) 781-7230 if you have other questions.