



# CITY OF PHOENIX RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM (RPPP) FACT SHEET 200 W WASHINGTON ST \* PHOENIX, AZ \* 85003

## WHAT IS THE RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM?

Phoenix established the Resident Permit Parking Program (RPPP) in 1987, as a new tool to address difficult neighborhood parking intrusion problems. It is designed to “shield” neighborhoods from excessive intrusion of nonresident vehicles, such as those that occur in neighborhoods adjacent to the Arizona State Fairgrounds, Bank One Ballpark, or a major employer. In most cases, parking intrusion problems can and should be addressed using traditional methods that have far fewer drawbacks for residents. To make traditional methods work, the City is willing to go to great lengths to custom-design parking prohibition signs with specific hours that will successfully thwart intruder parking, yet retain most resident parking privileges. If a neighborhood street meets the requirements, and the residents are willing to accept the drawbacks associated with the program, ‘resident only’ parking signs may be posted when at least 70% of the residents on the block sign a petition in favor of the restrictions. Residents are eligible to buy permit(s), which allow themselves or their visitors to park on the street during the restricted hours.

## HOW DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR ‘RESIDENT ONLY’ PARKING?

Very few neighborhoods are eligible for RPPP. The following conditions must exist:

- Confirmation that traditional ‘No Parking’ signs do not work.
- A Fact Sheet must be distributed to all residents and a Traffic Study Request Form submitted to the City signed by at least 15 home owners (one per household). If renters occupy a household, they have the authority to sign the petition, but accept responsibility to inform the property owner.
- A traffic study is conducted to determine if ‘intruder parking’ exists using the guidelines established by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1977.
- City of Phoenix staff will determine the RPPP area boundaries.
- A public meeting is held to explain the program and obtain resident input on boundaries, extent of restrictions, and amount of support for a program.
- City Council will be asked to amend City Code 36-157 to add a new permit parking area.

After an area is established, individual blocks may petition to request ‘resident only’ parking on their street. At least seventy percent of the home owners on one side of the street must sign in favor of ‘resident only’ parking. Restricted parking signs are then posted on the street. Residents must purchase permits to park on the street during restricted hours. Purchasing a permit does not guarantee a parking space.

## WHAT IS ‘INTRUDER PARKING’?

‘Intruder parking’ is parking inside a neighborhood by persons traveling to adjacent businesses, commercial properties, universities, etc. outside the neighborhood.

## HOW MUCH DO PERMITS COST?

There are two types of annual permits; Resident Permits and Visitor Permits. **All permits must be renewed annually!**

Resident Permits are permanently assigned to vehicles that are registered to your name at your address. They may be purchased for \$10.00 each per year.

Visitor Permits are used by guests or service vehicles. Visitor permits are limited to three per address. They may be purchased for \$5.00 each per year.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF I SIGN A STUDY REQUEST OR PETITION?

Signing a Study Request means that you are interested in ‘resident only’ parking in your neighborhood, but does commit you to support the program at any time in the future. Signing a Petition means that you want ‘resident only’ parking signs posted on your street. It does not mean that you are required to purchase a permit. Only residents who park on the street will be required to purchase a permit.

## ARE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN AN RPPP AREA REQUIRED TO OBTAIN PARKING PERMITS?

No. Obtaining parking permits is purely optional, even if seventy percent of the residents on your block are in favor of it. You may decide to purchase annual parking permits which allow you to park on the street during restricted hours, or you may decide not to purchase permits and refrain from parking on the street during restricted hours. You may sign the petition in favor of the program even if you do not intend to purchase a permit.

## HOW DO I OBTAIN PERMITS?

- Applications and return mailing envelopes will be sent to residents. Once the application and payment is received, permits will be mailed to the resident.
- **OR,** Purchase permits in person at the Payment Services Center located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the 305 Building at 305 W. Washington St.

## WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR A PERMIT TO PARK ON MY STREET?

RPPP is an additional service that costs money to provide. The price of permits only covers a small fraction of the expense involved with the installation and maintenance of the parking signs, police enforcement, printing and mailing costs, and program maintenance. RPPP is subsidized by tax dollars to keep permit prices low. Remember that you are actually keeping ‘intruders’ from parking on your street.

## WHAT IF A VEHICLE WITHOUT A PERMIT IS PARKED ON MY STREET DURING RESTRICTED HOURS?

Residents should call Crime Stop at (602) 262-6151. The Police Department will enforce the parking ordinance and ticket vehicles that are in violation.

## WHAT ABOUT PARTIES OR SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

You must notify the Street Transportation Department at least one week in advance {Phone – (602) 262-4610, Fax – (602) 534-2469, Address – Street Transportation – Resident Permit Parking Program, 200 West Washington St-6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003}. If your request is approved, you will be required to notify affected neighbors and cover the parking signs for the duration of the party. Police will be notified to refrain from issuing tickets during the party.

## WHAT IF I USE A LANDSCAPING SERVICE; WILL THE LANDSCAPER GET A TICKET?

Landscape and other service vehicles may use your visitor permit while they are parked in front of your house. The Police Department has agreed not to ticket vehicles that display commercial placards, as long as they are actively working at the home where they are parking.

## CAN RPPP BE ABOLISHED ONCE AN AREA HAS BEEN CREATED?

Yes, by circulating a petition on a block by block basis with a seventy percent majority requesting the removal of ‘resident only’ parking signs.

## WHO CAN I CALL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Call the Resident Permit Parking Program Coordinator at (602) 262-4610.

This publication can be made available in braille, large print, audio tape, or cassette tape upon request. Contact the Street Transportation Department at 602-262-6284 if you would like any of these services. Our TTY number is 602-256-4286.