

Resident Parking Only Survey Frequent Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is Residential Permit Parking (RPP)?

Residential permit parking (RPP) allows residents access to street parking by reserving spaces for permit holders. This is crucial in high-demand areas near popular destinations and transit stations, providing residents with convenient parking options.

How are surveys conducted?

You will have until the survey closing date listed on the letter to complete the survey that has been delivered to your address. Each household can submit one vote. Separate suites, such as a basement suite or a laneway house, are considered independent households and can submit an individual vote for their household. However, shared accommodations, like roommates or family members living in one household, cannot vote separately. If more than 50% of your block votes in favour of RPP signs, new regulations will be installed. If you cannot complete the survey online, the letter has a contact name and phone number you can call for assistance.

What will my street look like when the new signs are installed?

Your block will have a combination of full-time permit parking and 2-hour except with permit regulations installed. Vehicles with valid permits can park in either zone at all times. The time-limited signs may match nearby parking regulations for consistency. For example, if there are parking restrictions in the area that are 2 hours, except with a permit, Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., the regulations on your block will likely be the same.

What if the survey doesn't pass?

If the survey doesn't pass, the existing Resident Parking Only (RPO) signs will be removed, and the block will become unregulated.

How much do permits cost?

New RPP blocks can purchase Vancouver Resident Permit Parking (VRPP) permits. VRPP permits are currently \$66.00 (\$62.86 + \$3.14 GST) per vehicle per year. VRPP zone permits expire at the end of February every year. Permits are licence plate specific and are non-transferable. Your vehicle must have a valid permit to park in the permit zone. For information on the permits, please visit:

- <https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/buy-your-annual-or-short-term-or-visitor-parking-permit.aspx>

RPO blocks close to an established permit zone may be combined with that zone. For example, some RPO zones near the Cambie Village permit area may be added to the Cambie Village permit zone. It's important to note that some established zones have different permit expiry dates and permit rates.

Why change the current regulations?

The Resident Parking Only (RPO) program was discontinued in 2010 as it was challenging to enforce and inconvenient to residents. The Residential Permit Parking (RPP) allows unrestricted street parking for permitted vehicles and provides guests and service providers with part-time and overnight parking options.

Who is allowed to buy residential parking permits?

Parking permits are available to residential addresses with permit parking regulations posted on their block. Your vehicle must meet the eligibility requirements for a permit. Commercial addresses and buildings with ground-floor commercial uses are typically not eligible. Vehicles displaying a disability placard can park for up to 3 hours, and carshare vehicles (Modo, EVO) have permits that allow them to use the zone.

How is enforcement and ticketing conducted?

Parking Enforcement uses new license plate recognition technology to flag non-permitted plates and can track vehicles parked for over 2 hours in time-limited zones. This replaces the old system of relying on neighbours to report unfamiliar cars. Permits are licence plate-specific and non-transferable. If you change vehicles, you must update your permit with your new licence plate and registration information. Please do not park in a permit zone without a valid permit. Your vehicle will be ticketed.

When will my block be surveyed?

Resident Parking-Only (RPO) blocks located within 800 meters of transit hubs (Skytrain, Canada Line, etc.) will be the priority for surveying. The city-wide change is expected to take 2.5 to 3 years to complete. RPO zones away from transit hubs will be surveyed toward the end of the process, likely in 2026 or 2027.

My survey passed. When will the signs be installed?

When the survey passes, it will go through several stages of approval by City Engineers before being sent to City Operations for installation. This process can take several months to complete. Snow and significant events like fireworks, festivals, and marathons may also cause delays to installation.