

## **West End Residential Permit Parking Zone Division – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the West End Permit Zone Division?**

In 2017, Vancouver City Council approved dividing the West End permit parking zone into three separate permit zones. This change aims to improve parking accessibility in the bustling areas of the West End area where demand for parking spaces is particularly high.

Many permit holders in the West End drive from their homes and park in prime locations, including popular shopping centers, beach access points, and business areas. This practice creates significant challenges for local residents, who often struggle to find available parking near their homes, particularly during peak hours.

By dividing the West End permit zone, we aim to alleviate these issues, ensuring residents have improved access to parking in their neighbourhoods while also managing the parking needs of visitors.

### **Where can I park?**

Permit holders may park anywhere within their designated zones: West End Plateau, Denman West, or Davie–Beach. The boundaries are defined by the main arterial streets: Denman Street and Davie Street. A map of the boundaries is provided below.

### **If I live in a different permit zone, can I park in the other zones in the West End?**

No, your permit is only valid for the zone printed on your permit decal. (For example, if you have a Davie-Beach permit, you cannot park in the Denman West or West End Plateau permit zones.)

### **When will the new zones come into effect and expire?**

The new parking zones will take effect on May 1, 2025. You do not need to make any changes to park in your new zone. The permits for these new zones will expire on the same date as the current West End permits, which is May 31 of each year. (If you currently have a West End permit, it is due to expire on May 31<sup>st</sup>).

### **Will the permit rate change if I live in a different zone?**

The Legacy and Market rate fees will apply in all three zones. If you are currently eligible for the Legacy rate and move to a different zone in the West End area, you will still retain that eligibility.

### **Why does my decal look different than last year?**

The shape of the decal will indicate the specific zone in which your permit is valid.

### **I have mobility challenges and rely on parking in different areas of the West End. What should I do?**

If you don't have a SPARC BC accessibility placard yet, you can apply for one to display on your rearview mirror. Vehicles with a SPARC placard are allowed to park in any permit zone for up to 3 hours and can also park in any No Parking zone for up to 30 minutes. (SPARC BC permit applications can be found at [www.sparc.bc.ca](http://www.sparc.bc.ca))