

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking FAQ

Residential Permit Parking (RPP)

Q: Where can I find the proposed Residential Permit Parking rulemaking?

The proposed rulemaking can be found at: <http://dcregs.dc.gov/Notice/Download.aspx?noticeid=6153891>

Q: Can I comment on these proposed rules? If so how?

Yes, anyone can send comments electronically to publicspace.policy@dc.gov

Q. When does the public comment period end?

Although the original notice indicated there was a 30 day comment period, DDOT extended the public comment period until Monday, October 10, 2016

<http://dcregs.dc.gov/Notice/Download.aspx?noticeid=6179693>

Q: What are the major changes that are proposed to the existing RPP regulations?

The major changes in the proposed rulemaking include a new section outlining criteria for establishing RPP resident only designation and a new section outlining the process for modifications to the RPP hours and days. This rulemaking does not intend to change any existing RPP boundaries.

Q: What does resident only mean? Does that mean only residents of the block may park on-street?

No, a Residential Permit Parking (RPP) zone includes all individual blocks incorporated into the RPP program within a specific ward. All residents with the RPP sticker for the same zone or visitors with a valid Visitor Parking Permit can park in blocks with resident only designation.

Q: How is a resident parking only designation currently granted?

DDOT has stopped accepting resident only parking requests since existing regulations do not provide clear criteria and process for designating an RPP block as a resident only block. The proposed rulemaking provides transparency and a clear process for DDOT to respond to requests for resident only parking.

Q: Under the proposed rulemaking can a block be designated as a resident only block?

No, under the proposed rulemaking there would be no individual block designations. The proposed rulemaking would establish a process for an ANC to officially request resident only parking and criteria by which DDOT would evaluate the request. If approved, DDOT would designate on half of each of the RPP blocks within the ANC as resident only.

Q: What is the rationale behind creating an ANC based resident only designation?

Experience has shown that once a block is designated as a resident only block the spillover effect of such a change directly impacts adjacent blocks. In order to prevent spill- over impacts, the proposed rulemaking would eliminate the block by block designation approach, and provide a process to designate 50% of residential permit parking spaces within an ANC as resident only.

Q: Has this approach been implemented anywhere in the District?

Yes, this was done in Ward 1 under the Enhanced RPP (ERPP) legislation that specifically provided resident only parking for all of Ward 1, except for ANCs that opted out of the ERPP program. Only one ANC opted out. The WARD 1 ANC based resident only program seems to have operated well.

Q: What is the proposed process for resident only designation?

- The ANC sends a petition to DDOT requesting resident only designation for all RPP blocks within the ANC
- The ANC identifies at least 5 blocks for DDOT to conduct three surveys during weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- The following eligibility criteria must be met:
 - o At least 85% of the on-street spaces are occupied; and
 - o At least 50% of the parked vehicles are not registered in the RPP zone.

Q: What are the proposed changes to the process for modifying RPP days and hours?

- The proposed rules would require a petition for changing the RPP days and hours be accompanied by an ANC support resolution. This would ensure that neighbors support the change as it may have a spill over impact on surrounding blocks.
- The number of surveys DDOT conducts to determine eligibility is reduced from three (3) to one (1)
- The survey results must indicate:
 - o At least 70% of the on-street spaces on the block are occupied
 - o At least 10% of parked vehicles must be registered outside of the RPP zone

Q: What are the other changes to RPP regulations?

There are other proposed administrative changes, including:

- A separate fine category, for tracking purposes, for parking in a resident only parking area without a valid RPP sticker;
- Elimination of street specific residential permit parking locations listed in the existing version of the regulations as RPP location and hours of operation frequently change;
- Clarification of Zone 9 permits that DDOT currently issues to car-sharing vehicles;
- Removal of references to specific Visitor Permits that are no longer issued.

Q: What is the next step?

DDOT will review all of the comments received and will modify the rulemaking as necessary based on those comments. If there are substantial changes to the rulemaking as published, the revised rulemaking will be republished for additional public comments.