

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking FAQ

Residential Permit Parking (RPP)

Q: Where can I find the proposed Residential Permit Parking rulemaking and can I comment on them?

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

Yes, the public is urged to comment on the proposed rules and 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 is the primary intent of these proposed rules?

The primary intent of these rules is to provide a clear process for the implementation of resident only parking restrictions. DDOT initially granted resident only parking restrictions in neighborhoods near major traffic generators including the Convention Center, Nationals Park, and H St NE. DDOT began receiving requests from residents for expansion of the program into neighborhoods not located immediately adjacent to large traffic generators. To respond to these requests for resident only parking, DDOT is seeking public comments on a proposed process, which would include a public participation element at the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) level , for creating resident only parking on established RPP blocks.

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

No. All residents with the RPP sticker for the same zone or visitors with a valid Visitor Parking Permit may park in blocks with resident only designation.

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

DDOT has found that creating a resident only block in response to a petition submitted by residents of a single block creates a spillover effect that directly impacts residents on adjacent blocks. The proposed rulemaking would provide an open, public process by designating the ANC as the forum for discussing the creation of resident only parking within a neighborhood and would eliminate the block by block designation.

Q: Has this approach been implemented elsewhere 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. Based on our experience WARD 1 ANC based resident only program seems to have operated well.

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

- The ANC must pass a resolution indicating support for designating RPP blocks within the ANC as resident only and transmit that resolution to DDOT.
- The ANC identifies at least 5 sample blocks for DDOT to survey three times during weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- The surveys must ensure that the following eligibility criteria are met:
 - o At least 85% of the on-street spaces are occupied at the time of the survey; and
 - o At least 50% of the parked vehicles are not registered in the RPP zone.

Q. Does every individual sample block need to meet the proposed criteria noted above and what happens if they do meet the criteria?

Every surveyed block does not need to meet the criteria; eligibility will be determined based on cumulative result of sample block surveys. If sample blocks meet the criteria noted above, DDOT will install resident only signage on one side of the block in all blocks with existing RPP restrictions within the entire ANC.

Q: Under this proposal what happens to blocks that currently are not in the RPP program? Will they be impacted by this proposal?

No, resident only designation will only be granted to blocks that are currently in the RPP program when the ANC resolution is submitted to DDOT. If approved one half of each RPP block will be re-designated as resident only and the other half will stay as it is currently designated with a two hour parking grace period. Blocks that are not currently in the RPP program cannot be designated as resident only blocks under this proposal. This proposal only would be applied to those blocks that are currently enrolled in the RPP program. Residents of non RPP blocks must request RPP designation prior to requesting resident only parking.

Q: Are there other major changes that are proposed to the existing RPP regulations?

There is a proposed new process for modification of RPP hours and days. Additional proposed changes are primarily administrative including:

- A 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;
- 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.