

Proposed RPP Program Compared to the Current Program

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On December 12, 2020, the County Board voted to authorize advertisement of a February 2021 public hearing to consider changes to the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) program. The Board voted to authorize advertisement with two alterations from what staff had proposed. To see how the Board modified the staff proposal, see the “Permits & Passes” section and the “Fees” section below. The crossed-out text describes what the Board removed, and the underlined text describes what the Board added.

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<p>Eligibility Which households can petition?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All single-family detached households eligible to petition unless built by Unified Residential Development • Apartments, condominiums, duplexes, and townhome households eligible to petition unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Built after 1997 (for duplexes and townhomes) or 1964 (for apartments and condos) ○ Approved by Site Plan ○ Approved by Unified Commercial Mixed Use Development ○ The building does not maximize existing parking ○ The building charges for parking separately from rent and the charge is more than the County’s permit parking fees. ○ The building can obtain off-street parking within 2 blocks of the building through an agreement with the other building’s owners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All housing types eligible to petition, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Single-family detached homes ○ Accessory dwelling units ○ Duplexes and townhomes ○ Apartments and condominiums • Buildings approved for development by the County Board through the following means are ineligible to apply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site Plan ○ Unified Residential Development ○ Unified Commercial Mixed-Use Development ○ Commercial Centers Form-Based Code Use Permit ○ Neighborhoods Form-Based Code Use Permit
<p>Permits & Passes How many permits should a household be able to receive?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of four (4) annual permits per household, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One (1) FlexPass ○ Three (3) vehicle-specific permits (decals) • Residents may petition to allow up to four or more vehicle-specific permits, though no zone has done this • Households in Accessory dwelling units may obtain 	<p>For all households, including those living in accessory dwelling units</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two (2) permits (including FlexPass) per year for households with any amount of parking in a driveway, garage, carport, or parking lot. • Maximum of three (3) permits (including FlexPass) per year for households with no parking in a driveway, garage, carport, or parking lot. • <u>Maximum of four (4) annual permits per household.</u>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One (1) FlexPass and one (1) short-term visitor booklet separate from the main residence, or ○ Obtain either the FlexPass or one (1) of the vehicle-specific permits from the four (4) total, depending on occupancy on the street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Household may choose to obtain all annual permits as vehicle-specific permits or obtain one (1) as a FlexPass.
<p>Visitors and Others</p> <p>What options do people visiting homes in RPP zones have? What about people who work in neighborhoods with RPP restrictions?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Households may receive two (2) kinds of permits/passes for visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to (5) books of twenty (20) short-term visitor passes ○ One (1) FlexPass. FlexPass is not replaceable if lost but replaceable if stolen. ● One (1) landlord pass available per year for property owners who do not live at the home ● Vehicles providing service to the home and clearly marked with the organization’s name (e.g., FedEx, Verizon, etc.) are exempt from restrictions ● Time-limited parking for people without permits (allowed but not common) ● Meters with resident pass exemption (allowed but do not exist) ● Good in All Zones permits for individuals with organizations that provide health and social services at homes in RPP zones (e.g., home-health aides, social workers, providers of at-home religious services, etc.). ● Temporary permits for construction contractors who are working at a property within the RPP zone and who do not have a vehicle marked with their company’s logo. ● Car-share vehicles are exempt from restrictions but must be moved after 24 hours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Households may receive two (2) kinds of permits/passes for visitors to use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to five (5) books of twenty (20) short-term visitor passes per year ○ One (1) FlexPass (included in maximum per-household permit count as described above) per year. ● One (1) landlord pass available per year for property owners who do not live at the home ● One (1) annual permit for school staff not included in the “Good in All Zones” program (see below). The number of permits issued per school would be capped at a number to be determined. ● One (1) annual permit for employees of congregate living facilities located in RPP zones. ● Two-hour paid parking on all streets with restrictions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vehicles with an RPP permit or pass are exempt from the two-hour limit. ○ Individuals may pay using ParkMobile or EasyPark ○ No meters are installed. ● Vehicles providing services to homes in the RPP zone that are clearly marked with the organization or company’s name (e.g., FedEx, Verizon, etc.) are exempt from restrictions

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<p>Fees How much should permits and passes cost?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees cover about 60% of the costs to administer and enforce the program • FlexPass and Landlord Pass: Free • Vehicle-specific permits: \$20 for the first permit, \$20 for the second permit, \$50 for the third permit, and \$250 for subsequent permits if a zone has petitioned for additional permits to be issued • Short-term visitor books: first booklet is free, then \$5 each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees cover 100% of the costs to administer and enforce the program. • Fees may be adjusted up or down each year depending on the cost to deliver the program. • For the first year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FlexPass and Landlord Pass: \$40 ○ Vehicle-specific permits: \$40 for the first permit, \$55 for the second permit and (for households that may receive three) \$65 for the third permit; <u>for households with no parking in a driveway, garage, carport, or parking lot: \$65 for the third permit; for households with parking in a driveway, garage, carport or parking lot: no more than \$250 for the third permit; for all households, no more than \$250 for the fourth permit.</u> ○ <u>Note: Staff expects pricing for the third and fourth permits to be lower than \$250. Staff will present a recommended price for the third and fourth permits to Planning Commission, Transportation Commission, and the Board.</u> ○ Short-term visitor books, \$5 for the first book, \$10 each for the four other books.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good in All Zones permits: \$40 each ○ School staff and congregate living facility staff permits: \$40 each ○ Temporary contractor permits: 3 months for \$10 ● 50% discount on FlexPass, Landlord Pass, vehicle-specific permit, and short-term visitor pass books for households that qualify for at least one of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ○ Women Infants, and Children (WIC) ○ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) ○ SSI/SSDI Supplemental Security Income ○ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ○ Medicaid

Proposed Administrative Policies and Procedures Compared to Current Program

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Petition Process New Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Petitions are submitted by the 100-address block (e.g., the households between 1000 and 1100 19th St S); ● Petitions by multi-family construction can petition by building ● Resident from 60% of households on a block must sign an Arlington County –provided petition form for restrictions ● Petitions by multi-family buildings require 60% of units in the building to be in favor of RPP restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● County prepares a petition that a resident circulates to households on both sides of a street block, defined as the space between two intersections or an intersection and the end of the street. ● Independent of housing type, a resident from 80% of households on petitioned street block must sign in support of the petition. ● County observes parking occupancy. If occupancy regularly exceeds 85%, then restrictions would be granted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff must find during a site visit that more than 75% of the parking spots are occupied. • Staff must find that more than 25% of the spaces are occupied by vehicles that are from “outside the...zone.” • Block faces with no address points, such as with green spaces and parks, are not eligible for zoned parking • If study criteria are not met, residents must wait one calendar year before requesting RPP again 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase number of occupancy observations per block from two to a number to be determined. • Residents may only petition for one or more of these sets of hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday ○ 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday ○ 5:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Monday – Friday ○ 5:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Saturday/Sunday • Block faces with no address points, such as with green spaces and parks, are not eligible for zoned parking • If study criteria are not met, residents must wait one calendar year before requesting RPP again
<p>Petition Subdivision of Existing Zone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents may petition the County to subdivide a large zone if cross-commuting is an issue • 60% of the households on at least one block requests that their block to be surveyed for cross-commuting. • Staff would conduct a 75/25 survey using the block’s limits as the boundary for the 25% out of area survey • Once the 75/25 test has been met, the County conducts a review to determine the appropriate boundaries of the new zone. • After the determination of the new zone boundaries, at least 60% of the current permit holders in the proposed new zone must petition the County to create the new smaller zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident contacts County requesting a petition to split an existing zone due to high occupancy. • A resident from 80% of households on petitioned block must sign in support of the petition. • County observes parking occupancy. If occupancy regularly exceeds 85%, then the County would draw boundaries for new zones. • County creates a petition for distribution to the households that would be located in the new zones. If at least 80% of the homes in the proposed new zones support the split, then the County would create the new zones. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of petition for new hours of restrictions, staff determines as a result of the occupancy study that the size of the zone contributes to a high occupancy. In this instance, the County would draw boundaries for new zones. • County creates a petition for distribution to the households that would be located in the new

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Petition to Remove a Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of a block may petition the County to remove a zone if permit parking is no longer needed because of changes in street, traffic or parking patterns. • County-provided petition form will have to be signed by at least 60% of the block neighbors. • If 60% required signatures are met, County will remove parking signs on the block. Notification letters will be mailed to the residents of the block. • If residents wish to re-instate residential permit parking on the block, residents may re-petition one year after the original petition was approved. 	<p>zones. If at least 80% of the homes in the proposed new zones support the split, then the County would create the new zones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident contacts County requesting a petition to remove an existing zone restriction from their block. • A resident from 80% of households on impacted block must sign in support of the petition. • If 80% required signatures are met, County would remove parking signs on the block. Notification letters would be mailed to the residents of the block. • If residents wish to re-instate residential permit parking on the block, residents may re-petition one year after the original petition was approved.
Criteria for Setting Zone Boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria for Setting Zone Boundaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No larger than 1/2-mile radius ○ Location of major or minor arterials, physical and natural boundaries ○ Civic association boundaries ○ Land use characteristics (but not housing type) ○ location of a traffic generator ○ driving patterns within the neighborhood ○ parking capacity on the street ○ existence of driveways and dedicated parking • Add blocks to new zones or add to existing zones on a block-by-block basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria for Setting Zone Boundaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1/2-mile radius max. ○ Location of major or minor arterials, physical and natural boundaries ○ Civic association boundaries ○ Land use characteristics (but not housing type) ○ Location of a traffic generator ○ Parking capacity on the street • Add blocks to new zones or add to existing zones on a block-by-block basis

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Handling Households Close to the Boundary between two RPP Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some streets have designations for two zones (e.g., N Veitch Street is marked as “Zone 4/6”). • Households on corner properties can get passes for two RPP zones. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits from both zones would be valid on one block in either direction of a zone boundary • Properties get passes for one zone
“Grandfathering” Restrictions	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandfather only zone boundaries and hours of restriction