

Residential Metered Parking Permit

Description:

Residents who live in metered parking area without off-street parking are eligible for an annual parking permit to park at a meter on their block.

Background:

This permit program began in the mid 80's to entice people to live and work in the City's business district. Businesses would benefit by offering services to these residents as well as bringing more street life to the area. Lack of on-street parking was seen as one of the biggest obstacles for residents to live in the business district and this program was developed to provide parking in their block.

Application:

Residents must complete an application and provide proof of residency, ownership of vehicle, driver's license and pay a fee of \$106 per year. Applicant is given a hang-tag to park at any metered spot in the block they reside. Currently there are 48 active permits.

Opinion:

This program needs to be updated to reflect current conditions or ended.

- This permit program competes unfairly with local business that offer parking services. Most charge an estimated \$100.00 per month and the City offers more desirable parking for \$106.00 per year.
- One of the goals of metered parking is quick turnover of parking spaces to provide more customers to the business district. Most parking spaces have a turnover every 2 hours on average. However, residents with this permit frequently do not move their vehicles for days because of the difficulty in finding a parking space in their block when they return.
- The availability of this program has enabled residential developers lease their required parking to non-residents of their units. There are no development agreements to dedicate required parking to the residents of the development.
- The City has a loss of revenue by providing parking at .30 cents per day vs. \$2.00 per hour. It is difficult to calculate the actual loss of revenue; a rough estimate is \$275,000.

Proposal:

End the program recognizing that the goal to bring residents and increase street-life has largely been achieved.