

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

| **RULES AND REGULATIONS**
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I. Introduction.

These Rules and Regulations are promulgated for the implementation of the Pilot Overnight Parking Program, which is managed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) through the Department of Traffic Engineering which provides traffic control services for the City of Providence (“City”), and is enforced by the Police Department for the City, all in compliance with Part II, Chapter 15-2 of the City’s Code of Ordinances (“Code”). The authority for such promulgation is found in the City Charter, Section 1017.

The Department of Traffic Engineering is the City’s primary agency for the regulation of traffic and parking. Because the control of vehicular traffic and the ability to park vehicles on City streets is integral to the management of public streets, regulations for the use of city streets by vehicles are hereby established.

II. Applicability.

These regulations apply to all areas that have been designated as Resident Permit Parking areas by the Traffic Engineering Department during the course of the Pilot program. The creation of Resident Permit Parking Areas will be developed by the Traffic Engineering Department and will be based upon neighborhood conditions, such as the lack of driveways, minimal off-street parking, the frequency of overnight parking violations and the number of properties that have paved yards to accommodate parking.

These regulations shall supersede and replace any existing rules/regulations that have been established by the City for the Pilot Overnight Parking Program.

III. Rules for Resident Permit Parking Areas

- A. Overnight Parking – Between the hours of 2:00AM and 5:00AM, parking will be permitted in designated Resident Permit Parking Areas via the use of a City issued permit for which the City will charge an annual fee. The fee shall be established by the Traffic Engineer based upon the cost to implement a program, its administration and its on-going maintenance.
- B. Areas eligible for Parking - The Department of Traffic Engineering will establish which streets within the Pilot are eligible for the Resident Permit Parking program. Streets that will be omitted from the program include streets that are less than 20 feet in width, Arterial Streets and streets that are currently designated as “No Parking Anytime” by signage for daytime hours. Persons residing on these streets are eligible to park on other streets within the designated Pilot area. Streets that are between 20 feet and 24 feet in width will be individually evaluated to determine if parking will be allowed on one side of the street only.
- C. Eligibility – Any person residing within the City of Providence, within the Pilot area is eligible to participate in the Resident Permit Parking program, provided that they can meet the following requirements:
 - a. The vehicle that is being parked overnight must be registered within the City of Providence and at the address where the person is registering for the program.
 - b. Proof of residency must be established by the resident. Proof can be in the form of a utility bill, rental agreement, mortgage statement, etc.

- c. All outstanding parking violations issued on the vehicle registration must be paid in order to obtain or renew a parking permit.
- d. No more than 2 vehicles per residential unit are eligible to receive a permit. A residential unit is defined as a single family home, or in the case of a multi-family/condominium complex, as each of the units within the structure.
- e. No person residing in a dwelling or structure with six (6) or more units is eligible to obtain a permit under this program, unless the applicant can demonstrate hardship. Documentation of the lack of on-site parking will be the sole factor in making a determination of eligibility.
- f. Pursuant to Section II Article 15-11 of the City Code of Ordinances, no commercial vehicle in excess of 20 feet in length or 6500GVW is eligible to park in a residential neighborhood. Such vehicles will not be eligible to obtain a permit for overnight parking.

D. Enforcement – The regulation and enforcement of the Pilot Resident Permit Parking Program will be primarily performed by the Parking Enforcement Officers, who are under the jurisdiction of the Police Department, and Police Officers. All parking regulations on a particular street shall be enforced as they are posted. For example, if a street within the district prohibits parking from 8:00AM – 10:00AM, Monday - Friday, parking is prohibited on this street only during this interval. If the street is signed “No Parking Anytime”, the regulation is enforced at all times. When a snow emergency or another type of emergency is declared by the City, all permit holders must remove

their vehicles from the street until such time that the ban is lifted. All other parking regulations, such as parking within 8 feet of a fire hydrant or 25 feet to a street corner must be observed at all times. In addition, the following methods will be utilized to assist in the enforcement and control of Pilot

Resident Permit Parking Areas:

- a. Signage – The Department of Traffic Engineering will install signage where appropriate to indicate where overnight parking is permitted and/or prohibited.
- b. Mapping – Maps will be distributed to permit holders indicating which streets are eligible and which are ineligible for parking overnight.
- c. City Website – Information will be posted on the City’s website detailing the streets that are eligible and ineligible for overnight parking.

E. Additional Regulations – In addition to the aforementioned rules and regulations, the following provisions are established for the operation of the Pilot Residential Permit Parking Program:

- a. Opt-Out Provision: If the residents on a street within a Pilot Residential Permit Parking Area prefer not to have their street be part of the Overnight Parking Program, two-thirds (66 2/3%)s of the residents must sign a petition indicating such. The petition may be signed by one person per household/unit, as previously defined in these rules. A street is defined is by its terminus within the district

(full length) and not on a block – by – block basis. However, in no case shall the terminus of a street exceed 10 blocks.

- b. Guest Parking: The City of Providence currently allows Guest parking – up to 5 times per month per guest, by calling the Police Department on the evening that the guest will be staying. For the purposes of these regulations, this provision will be amended to allow the resident to apply in advance for a guest parking permit at the Providence Municipal Court or the Department of Traffic Engineering. The cost of the guest pass shall be \$25.00. It can be used five (5) times per month and is good for one (1) year.
- c. Handicap Parking: Persons who possess a valid handicap placard issued by the State of Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles are exempt from paying any fees associated with the Pilot Overnight Program. A copy of the valid placard must be presented when applying for a permit in order to be exempt from paying.
- d. Display: Resident Parking Passes must be displayed on the upper left hand corner of the rear window of the vehicle. Failure to properly display a parking permit will result in a parking ticket.
- e. Replacement: In the case of a Overnight Parking Permit being lost, damaged or stolen, the applicant is eligible to receive one (1) replacement for their vehicle free of charge. The expiration date of the replacement shall be the same as the date of the original issuance. If a permit holder requires a second replacement, the permit holder will be

charged the annual permit fee as established by the City. The
expiration date of the reissued permit will be the same as the date of
the original issuance.

Dated: April 3, 2012

Director, Department of Public Works

Traffic Engineer

Witness:

Dated: _____