



STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

## Resident Permit Parking Zones

### What are Resident Permit Parking (RPP) Zones?

Residential Permit Parking Zones are created to help ease parking congestion that may occur in neighborhoods adjacent to area businesses, popular establishments, schools, religious institutions, etc. RPP Zones will prohibit nonresidents from parking on designated streets, yet allow residents, who purchase permits, and their guests to park legally along the street. RPP zone guidelines are based on a 1977 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that neighborhoods experiencing severe hardship could request a special parking zone to increase their health, welfare, and safety. The Supreme Court defines a severe hardship as at least 75% of the available curbside parking space being occupied, and at least 25% or more of those vehicles are 'intruders' or non-residents.

Following this U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the Phoenix City Council City passed the ordinance, §36-157, establishing the city's first Resident Permit Parking zone. These zones are established at the request of residents (with neighborhood support) in front of their homes.

### What is the process to create a Resident Parking Zone?

Once a resident/neighborhood has expressed interest in the program, City staff sends a *Parking Study Request form* to residents

Residents complete and return a *Parking Study Request form* with signatures representing ten households in the proposed area.

City staff conducts a study to demonstrate hardship and to determine the level of intruder parking. The City will notify the requesting resident of the study results. A public meeting can be held to answer any questions the neighborhood may have about the study or the process.

Once intruder parking has been documented, the Resident Permit Parking boundary can be approved by the City Council. The boundary area allows individual residential streets to participate in the RPP (see pg. 2).

Once the boundary has been approved, the residents may petition for permit restrictions on their individual block (see pg. 2).

To create a Resident Permit Parking zone, residents are responsible for obtaining signatures of at least 70% of the residents living along a block face. Zones begin from corners/intersections and must be contiguous. Zones cannot "skip" properties (see pg. 2).

The original petition form must be returned to:

City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department  
c/o Resident Permit Parking Program  
200 W. Washington Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

After review, residents are notified and provided information concerning applying for vehicle permits. Resident Permit Parking signs are then created and installed.

Once a Resident Permit Parking Zone has been created, only vehicles displaying permits will be able to legally park within the zone. The Police department can ticket any vehicles in violation of the Resident Permit Parking zone.

Participation in the program is optional. You can agree to create a zone on your street; however, you do not have to purchase permits. Only residents who desire to park on the street are required to purchase a permit.

### Are there any drawbacks to these signs?

Yes. Some of the disadvantages include:  
The Resident Permit Parking Zone process may take up to 8 months for the process to be completed.

Resident Permit Parking zones apply to **ALL** vehicles, including those belonging to residents and their guests and service contractors.

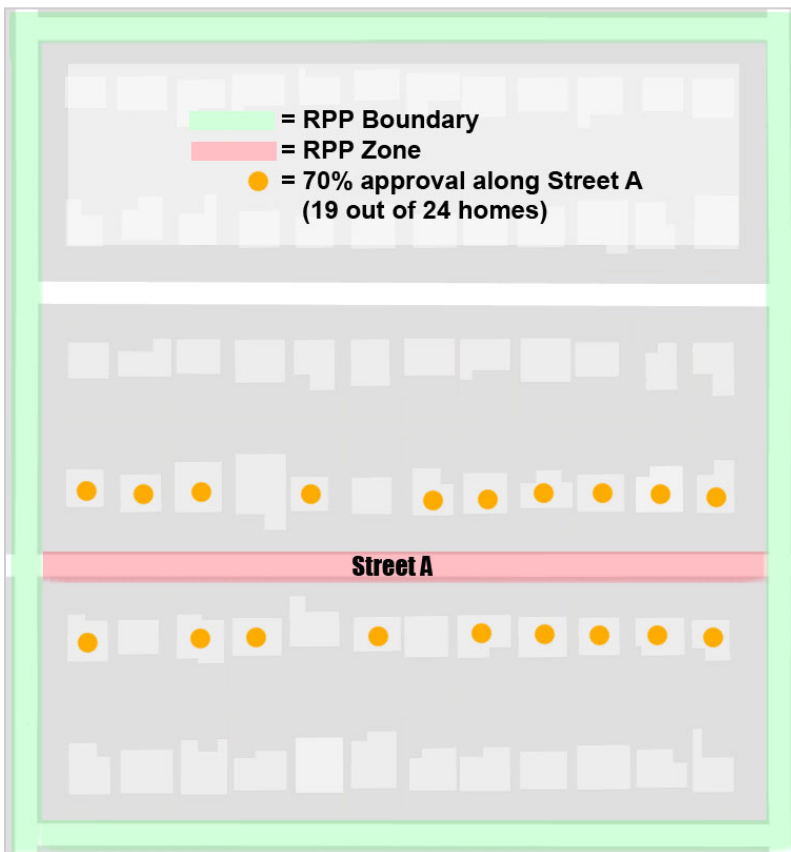
Permits expire annually and must be re-purchased from the City at \$10 each for resident permits and \$5 each for guest permits.

Resident Permit Parking Zones are more difficult for Police to enforce than standard No Parking Zones.

**Who can sign the petition?**

Homeowners as well as renters can sign the petition. Renters are responsible for notifying the property owners of the newly created Resident Permit Parking zone.

Apartment complex managers can sign the petition; managers are required to notify all tenants of the new Resident Permit Parking zone.



For more information, please contact the Parking Manager at 602-262-4659

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