



City of Pittsburgh

Department of Mobility & Infrastructure

Introduction to Residential Permit Parking (RPP)

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RPP Program Background

The Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Program is a parking management tool intended to provide residents in a designated area with a better opportunity to park near their homes. It does not guarantee parking for residents.

Each designated area must meet certain impact criteria, and areas are typically located around major institutions such as hospitals and universities or business districts

- There are 38 active RPP zones in city.
 - The oldest: Area A – Central Lawrenceville (1982)
 - The most recent: Area MM – Squirrel Hill (2019)

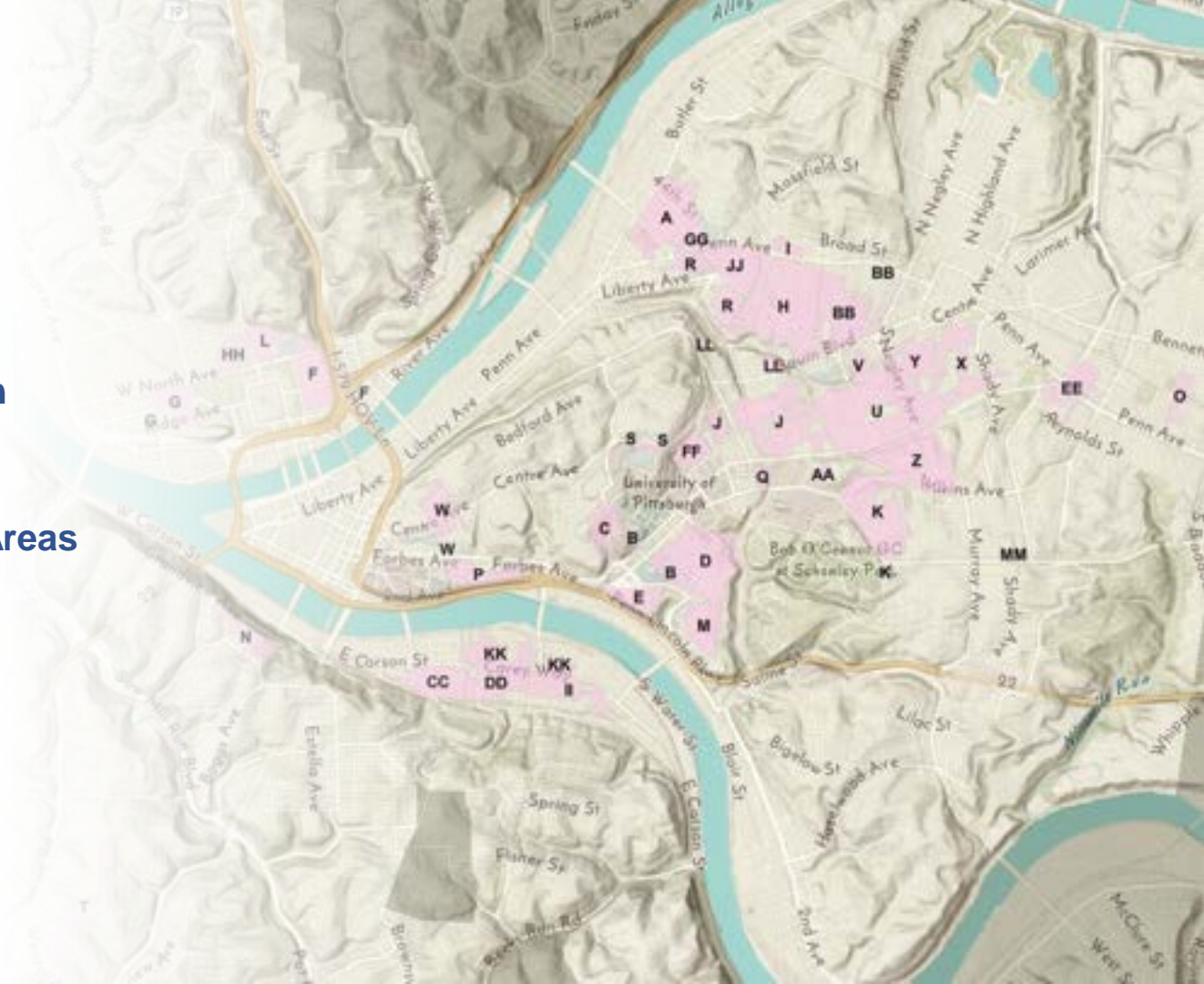


RPP Program Background

- **Jointly administered by the City of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Parking Authority (PPA) under the provision of Pittsburgh Title 5: Parking Code**
 - City intakes and reviews the request. Makes recommendations on policy, price, etc. through the Parking Management Plan and ensures a public process; also responsible for signage once approved.
 - PPA issues and renews permits and enforces
- **Historically, administered by Dept. of City Planning (DCP), transferred to DOMI in January, 2022**
 - This change went through public process and council for code amendments
 - Included new provisions for hybrid parking and visitor & non-resident permits
 - <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/rpp-program-updates>

Residential Parking Program

1. Residential Parking Program Area Creation
2. Reduce, Eliminate, or Amend Existing RPP Areas
3. Minor Expansion of Existing RPP Areas
4. Hybrid RPP Areas



Process

Initiation

Study/Review (DOMI)

- Parking Study
- Parking Management Plan

Public Process (DOMI & DCP)

- DAM if in an RCO
- Planning Commission Hearing
- City Council Action

Implementation

- Enforcement (PPA)
- Recertification (DOMI)



Initiation

Step	Description
Community Initiation	<p>Affirmation of desire to implement a residential permit parking area in a residential area is confirmed by one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="645 364 1315 394">1. Petition of 70% of households in proposed area<li data-bbox="645 401 958 431">2. City Council request<li data-bbox="645 438 1837 468">3. Neighborhood or Comprehensive Plan identifies area as a candidate for a new RPP area<li data-bbox="645 476 1205 505">4. Parking Permit Officer's own discretion
Petition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="645 649 1267 679">• Only one signature per household is counted<li data-bbox="645 686 1309 716">• DOMI staff cannot assist in collecting signatures
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="645 806 1731 836">• Application must include proposed RPP area boundaries and enforcement hours<li data-bbox="645 844 1360 873">• Must include signed petition or City Council request

Study/Review

Step	• Description
Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The total number of spaces utilized• The total number of potential spaces• The availability of off-street parking• The number of non-resident vehicles• Conducted by City staff using existing methodology• 1 or 2 day counts depending
Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 15% of vehicles are non-resident• At least 75% of legal parking is utilized during peak hours• Certified residents will request >50 permits annually
Parking Management Plan	If criteria are met, DOMI will develop a Parking Management Plan to include: residential parking permit area boundaries, enforcement hours, dynamic hours, types of visitor permit, unpermitted parking time limits.

Public Process

Step	Description
Development Advisory Meeting	If the proposed RPP zone is in a Registered Community Organization area, the required DAM will be held at least 30 days prior to the Planning Commission hearing
City Planning Commission	Public hearing or hearings on the eligibility of the subject residential area to be a residential parking permit area. Should the proposed residential permit parking area fall within the boundaries of a Registered Community Organization (RCO), the Parking Permit Officer shall participate in a development activities meeting per Section 178E.08 . The hearing or hearings shall be conducted to determine the appropriateness of the Parking Study and Parking Management Plan.
City Council	City Planning Commission submits recommendations regarding the Parking Study and Parking Management Plan and designation of the area as residential permit parking, concerns raised in the public hearing or hearings conducted, and the findings relative to the factors listed in Section 549.03(b) . If the City Planning Commission fails to submit a written report to City Council, the decision shall be deemed denied.

Hybrid Parking Areas

- RPP Area which allows for commercial (paid) parking for non- RPP permit holders.
- Only be authorized for new residential parking permit areas or existing residential parking permit amended.
- Any motor vehicle that does not have a valid residential parking permit pays meter free.
- The parking meter rate in a hybrid RPP area shall not exceed the parking meter rate in the geographically closest parking meter zone.
- Code allows for new parking meters to be placed in hybrid RPP areas however DOMI and PPA are exploring if meter-less enforcement is viable.
- Parking meter revenue collected from a hybrid RPP are eligible for inclusion in a Parking Enhancement District fund.

How Long Will the Process Take?



APPLICATION – UP
TO 30 DAYS



PARKING STUDY &
ANALYSIS – ALLOW
UP TO 90 DAYS



PLANNING
COMMISSION –
WITHIN 90 DAYS



CITY COUNCIL – 3
WEEKS MINIMUM



ADOPTION AND
IMPLEMENTATION -
SEVERAL WEEKS



Thanks!