

Amend VMC 19.08.030 relating to long term parking permits

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City Council Public Hearing

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Purpose

To review, discuss, and act on proposed changes to VMC 19.08.030 to discontinue no charge parking permits

VMC 19.08.030

“Anyone who establishes that he or she resides in Zones 1, 1A, 2 or 3 and has no garage or driveway shall be issued a long- term permit for no charge for each vehicle registered in his or her name and then can park such vehicle while such permit is properly displayed at any legal parking space in Zone 3 which is marked for parking by permit only.”

On Street Permit Parking Locations



Background

- VMC 19.08.030 intended to provide a free on-street parking permit to residents of downtown who live in a building without any onsite parking.
- Applicants submit proof of residency, ID, and vehicle registration
- Permits are renewed twice a year
- Eligible buildings are typically older buildings constructed without space for onsite parking
- 44 permits have been issued at 14 different addresses.

Examples

- 801 Washington Street
- Beverly Court – 511 Evergreen
- 1001 W. 13th Street



Current Issues

Residents of buildings with parking requesting permits

New buildings with less parking will generate more requests for permits



Lack of Alignment with City Priorities

Free on-street parking permits are inconsistent with:

- Newly-adopted Climate Action Framework
- Best practices in parking demand management
- Equity lens in determining who should receive free parking

Parking Advisory Committee concurs with need to change existing code

Recommended Code Change

Modify existing code to:

- Discontinue offering long term on-street parking permits at no charge
- Allow existing permit holders to retain permits without any right of transfer or assignment

Amended Language

Anyone who establisheds that they ~~he or she~~ resideds in Zones 1, 1A, 2 or 3 and hads no garage or driveway and ~~we~~shall be issued a long term permit for no charge for each vehicle registered in their ~~his or her~~ name prior to December 1, 2022, ~~and then~~ can continue to park such vehicle while such current permit is properly displayed at any legal parking space in Zone 3 which is marked for parking by permit only. Long term permits that have been issued under this section are non-transferrable, and no new long term permits will be issued after the effective date of this ordinance.

Requested Action

Adopt ordinance amending Section VMC 19.08.030 to discontinue long-term street parking permits for residential buildings without off-street parking.

Questions

