PREFERENTIAL PARKING

A Guide to Preferential Parking Districts in the City of Long Beach

COASTAL ZONE REQUIREMENTS

If the proposed district falls within the Coastal Zone, an additional Coastal Development permit is required through the Planning and Building Bureau. The current application fee can be viewed at longbeach.gov/feesandcharges, and is the responsibility of the requestor(s). For current information regarding this matter, please contact the Planning Bureau at (562) 570-6194 or visit longbeach.gov/feesandcharges.

HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Once a preferential parking district is established, residents must complete an application to request parking permits. Applications can be obtained at the Parking Citation counter in the Lobby of City Hall, or by visiting longbeach.gov/parking. To have an application mailed to you, please call (562) 570-6822.

Residents will be asked to provide proof of current residency, such as a valid driver license or utility bill, and a copy of current vehicle registration. The current fee for an annual permit is can be viewed at longbeach.gov/feesandcharges and applies for each vehicle, with a maximum of 3 permits per household and one guest permit.

Temporary guest permits valid for up to seven consecutive days from issuance are available free of charge from the Parking Citation counter in the Lobby of City Hall, or by visiting: longbeach.gov/parking.

Permits must be renewed annually and may be renewed by mail.

For More Information

Preferential Parking District Program:
Contact the Traffic Engineering Division at (562) 570-6331.

Permits:
Contact the Commercial Services Bureau at (562) 570-6822.

Parking Citations:
Contact (562) 570-6822

City of Long Beach Public Works
411 W. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Phone: (562) 570-6383

www.longbeach.gov/pw/

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WHAT IS A PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT?

The Long Beach Municipal Code Section 10.32 allows establishment of Preferential Parking Districts to alleviate certain parking problems in residential areas. These districts limit the length of time vehicles may be parked on-street, unless a valid residential permit is displayed.

STEPS FOR ESTABLISHING A PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT

1. If you are interested in establishing a preferential parking district in your neighborhood, you will need to submit the following information:
   
   • The exact boundaries of the requested parking district (for example, the 1000 block of Main Street both sides from xxx Avenue to yyy Street)
   • The requested time limit for legal parking without a permit (usually one or two hour parking)
   • The requested effective days/hours (standard options are 9am - 6pm, or 9am - 9pm, excluding Sundays and holidays)

   This information is to be submitted in writing to:

   City Traffic Engineer
   411 W. Ocean Blvd, 4th Floor
   Long Beach, CA 90802

   City staff will review your request and survey the affected streets to confirm that more than 75% of available on-street parking is occupied, and more than 50% of the parked vehicles are not registered in the area.

2. Once our office has sent you the required forms, circulate the petition among properties within the requested district.

   You must obtain signatures verifying support for a preferential parking district from at least two-thirds of the residents of all units of occupancy within the proposed district.

3. Prepare a set of pre-addressed mailing labels including all properties (residents, property owners and commercial tenants) within 400 feet of the proposed district boundaries, and submit to our office along with the completed petitions.

   The City Clerk will use the mailing labels to notify all affected properties of a public hearing for the City Council to consider establishing a district. Costs may be involved with preparing the mailing labels, if you require consultant assistance to identify property owners.

4. Be prepared to testify at a City Council meeting in support of establishing the district.

   The City Council will consider any testimony for or against a preferential parking district presented at the public hearing. If approved, an Ordinance will be adopted to establish the district. The Ordinance becomes effective approximately 45 days after the public hearing.

   A non-refundable deposit (view amount at longbeach.gov/feesandcharges) is required to perform a parking study and process necessary resident petitions for City Council consideration. If the district is approved, signs will be installed approximately one every three properties (each cost available at longbeach.gov/feesandcharges).