

Proposed Residential Permit Parking Program (RPP)

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What is Residential Permit Parking (RPP)?

Arlington County's [RPP Program](#) is used to manage on-street parking in residential neighborhoods. It does this by allowing some people to park on the street while preventing others from parking on those streets. RPP zones are demarcated with parking signs. Only residents with County-issued permits and passes, their visitors, and landlords can park in their RPP zone during RPP-restricted hours (usually Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM).



The RPP Review

Since 2017, the [RPP Review project](#) has been assessing the purpose and function of Arlington's RPP program, with consideration for the program's efficiency, user experience, and fairness. This was the first major review of the program in over 10 years. For an overview of how the County has engaged the community since 2017, see [Residential Permit Parking Review: Project Update, Summary of Residents' Perspectives and Next Steps for the Review](#).

Proposed Program

The following pages describe a proposed program organized in four topics:

1. Eligibility to petition
2. Permit caps
3. Visitors and others
4. Fees

Staff based the program on what was heard from the community, analysis of the current program, and parking data collected on some of Arlington's streets. Arlington residents are divided on many issues within the RPP program, and some of the controversies about the program have existed for decades. Staff recognized this challenge and tried to design solutions to these issues while balancing the program goals. It is in line with the policy-making principles and policy options presented to the County Board in November 2019.

This document includes a side-by-side comparison chart between the proposed program and the current program to highlight changes.

For more information on these changes, visit the [frequently asked questions page](#) that addresses how staff arrived at the proposed program.

Proposed RPP Program Compared to the Current Program

Issue Area	Current Program	Proposed Program
<p>Eligibility Which households can petition?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All single-family detached households eligible to petition unless built by Unified Residential Development • Apartments, condominiums, duplexes, and townhome households eligible to petition unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Built after 1997 (for duplexes and townhomes) or 1964 (for apartments and condos) ○ Approved by Site Plan ○ Approved by Unified Commercial Mixed Use Development ○ The building does not maximize existing parking ○ The building charges for parking separately from rent and the charge is more than the County’s permit parking fees. ○ The building can obtain off-street parking within 2 blocks of the building through an agreement with the other building’s owners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All housing types eligible to petition, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Single-family detached homes ○ Accessory dwelling units ○ Duplexes and townhomes ○ Apartments and condominiums • Buildings approved for development by the County Board through the following means are ineligible to apply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site Plan ○ Unified Residential Development ○ Unified Commercial Mixed-Use Development ○ Commercial Centers Form-Based Code Use Permit ○ Neighborhoods Form-Based Code Use Permit
<p>Permits & Passes How many permits should a household be able to receive?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of four (4) annual permits per household, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One (1) FlexPass ○ Three (3) vehicle-specific permits (decals) • Residents may petition to allow up to four or more vehicle-specific permits, though no zone has done this • Households in Accessory dwelling units may obtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One (1) FlexPass and one (1) short-term visitor booklet separate from the main residence, or ○ Obtain either the FlexPass or one (1) of the vehicle-specific permits from the four (4) total, depending on occupancy on the street 	<p>For all households, including those living in accessory dwelling units</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two (2) permits (including FlexPass) per year for households with any amount of parking in a driveway, garage, carport, or parking lot. • Maximum of three (3) permits (Including FlexPass) per year for households with no parking in a driveway, garage, carport, or parking lot. • Household may choose to obtain all annual permits as vehicle-specific permits or obtain one (1) as a FlexPass.

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<p>Visitors and Others</p> <p>What options do people visiting homes in RPP zones have? What about people who work in neighborhoods with RPP restrictions?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Households may receive two (2) kinds of permits/passes for visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to (5) books of twenty (20) short-term visitor passes ○ One (1) FlexPass. FlexPass is not replaceable if lost but replaceable if stolen. • One (1) landlord pass available per year for property owners who do not live at the home • Vehicles providing service to the home and clearly marked with the organization’s name (e.g., FedEx, Verizon, etc.) are exempt from restrictions • Time-limited parking for people without permits (allowed but not common) • Meters with resident pass exemption (allowed but do not exist) • Good in All Zones permits for individuals with organizations that provide health and social services at homes in RPP zones (e.g., home-health aides, social workers, providers of at-home religious services, etc.). • Temporary permits for construction contractors who are working at a property within the RPP zone and who do not have a vehicle marked with their company’s logo. • Car-share vehicles are exempt from restrictions but must be moved after 24 hours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Households may receive two (2) kinds of permits/passes for visitors to use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to five (5) books of twenty (20) short-term visitor passes per year ○ One (1) FlexPass (included in maximum per-household permit count as described above) per year. • One (1) landlord pass available per year for property owners who do not live at the home • One (1) annual permit for school staff not included in the “Good in All Zones” program (see below). The number of permits issued per school would be capped at a number to be determined. • One (1) annual permit for employees of congregate living facilities located in RPP zones. • Two-hour paid parking on all streets with restrictions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vehicles with an RPP permit or pass are exempt from the two-hour limit. ○ Individuals may pay using ParkMobile or EasyPark ○ No meters are installed. • Vehicles providing services to homes in the RPP zone that are clearly marked with the organization or company’s name (e.g., FedEx, Verizon, etc.) are exempt from restrictions • Good in All Zones permits for individuals with organizations that provide health and social services at homes in RPP zones (e.g., home-health aides, social workers, providers of at-home religious services, etc.). • Temporary permits for construction contractors who are working at a property within the RPP zone and

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<p>Fees How much should permits and passes cost?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees cover about 60% of the costs to administer and enforce the program • FlexPass and Landlord Pass: Free • Vehicle-specific permits: \$20 for the first permit, \$20 for the second permit, \$50 for the third permit, and \$250 for subsequent permits if a zone has petitioned for additional permits to be issued • Short-term visitor books: first booklet is free, then \$5 each 	<p>who do not have a vehicle marked with their company's logo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car-share vehicles are exempt from restrictions but must be moved after 24 hours. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees cover 100% of the costs to administer and enforce the program. • Fees may be adjusted up or down each year depending on the cost to deliver the program. • For the first year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FlexPass and Landlord Pass: \$40 ○ Vehicle-specific permits: \$40 for the first permit, \$55 for the second permit and (for households that may receive three) \$65 for the third permit. ○ Short-term visitor books, \$5 for the first book, \$10 each for the four other books. ○ Good in All Zones permits: \$40 each ○ School staff and congregate living facility staff permits: \$40 each ○ Temporary contractor permits: 3 months for \$10 • 50% discount on FlexPass, Landlord Pass, vehicle-specific permit, and short-term visitor pass books for households that qualify for at least one of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ○ Women Infants, and Children (WIC) ○ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) ○ SSI/SSDI Supplemental Security Income ○ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ○ Medicaid

How to Comment on the Proposed Program

Feedback on the proposed program can be shared with staff through an online feedback form (<https://engage.arlingtonva.us/rpp-review-proposal>) or by calling 844-568-3777 until 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Please visit the project website (<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/rppreview/>) for more details on how to provide feedback and for other opportunities to weigh in on the proposed program.