

Resolution No. 9782

Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending Resolution 9671 that Established the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking District (RPP) Program as a Continuing Program to Modify the Number of Employee Parking Permits Available, to Make Clarifying and Other Minor Modifications and to Restate the Downtown RPP District Program Provisions

RECITALS

A. California Vehicle Code Section 22507 authorizes the establishment, by city council action, of permit parking programs in residential neighborhoods for residents and other categories of parkers.

B. A stakeholders group comprised of Downtown residents and business interests was convened to discuss the implementation of Residential Preferential Parking Districts (RPP Districts).

C. On December 15, 2015 the Council adopted Ordinance No. 5294, adding Chapter 10.50 to Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code. This Chapter establishes the city-wide procedures for RPP Districts in the city.

D. On December 1, 2014, the Council adopted Resolution No. 9473 implementing the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Pilot Program in two phases, and on February 23, 2016, the Council adopted Resolution No. 9577 updating the process for implementing the second phase.

E. On March 6, 2017 the Council adopted Resolution No. 9671 to end the pilot phase and implement the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program as a continuing program.

F. It is the goal of the City to reduce the impacts of non-resident overflow parking from the Downtown Commercial District on the surrounding neighborhoods.

G. The Council desires to amend Resolution 9671 to reduce the number of employee parking permits that may be issued and to make other clarifying and minor modifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Palo Alto RESOLVES, as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. The criteria set forth in Section 10.50.030 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code for annexing the areas described in 3.A of this Resolution as part of the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District have been met as follows:

- (1) That non-resident vehicles do, or may, substantially interfere with the use of on-street or alley parking spaces by neighborhood residents, in that, based on observation, there are few available parking spaces available midday, while the streets are relatively unoccupied at midnight, thus demonstrating the parking intrusion is largely by non-residents.

- (2) That the interference by the non-resident vehicles occurs at regular and frequent intervals, either daily or weekly, in that the parking intrusion is contained to the daytime hours during the regular workweek.
- (3) That the non-resident vehicles parked in the area of the proposed district create traffic congestion, noise, or other disruption (including shortage of parking spaces for residents and their visitors) that disrupts neighborhood life, in that based on information from residents and other city departments the vehicle congestion is interfering with regular activities.
- (4) Other alternative parking strategies are not feasible or practical in that the City has implemented a series of alternative parking strategies in the past and concurrently and there is still a shortage of parking available

SECTION 2. Duration and Issuance of Permits. The following provisions shall apply to the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District:

- A. Resident Parking Permits. Resident Parking Permits will be distributed pursuant to the criteria listed under Section 5.C of this Resolution. Resident Parking Permits shall be valid for one-year increments, commencing on April 1, 2017. Resident Parking Permits will be valid anywhere within the boundaries of the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District.
- B. Employee Parking Permits. The City shall also issue permits to Downtown Employees pursuant to the criteria listed under Section 5.C of this Resolution. Employee Parking Permits shall be in effect for six months. The first round of permits shall become effective on April 1, 2017 and expire on September 30, 2017. New Employee Parking Permits will be available for purchase every six months thereafter.
- C. Temporary Work Parking Permits. The City shall also issue Temporary Work Parking Permits for contractors or construction workers completing work for households located within the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District. Prices and duration of the Temporary Work Parking Permits will be determined by the Development Services Director at the time of application in accordance with the Municipal Fee Schedule.
- D. Duration. These regulations shall commence on April 1, 2017. The City will make permits available for Residents, Employees, and Contractors prior to April 1, 2017.
- E. Permanent Regulations. The Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program shall remain in force until the City Council takes action to modify or rescind.

SECTION 3. Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District Boundaries.

- A. Annexed Zones. The areas shown on **Exhibit B** as "Downtown RPP Program Area" are included in the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District.
- B. Eligibility Areas. The areas shown on **Exhibit B** as "Approved Eligibility Areas" are eligible for administrative annexation, as provided in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 10.50.085.

- C. Employee Parking Zones. The area within the District Boundaries (which includes both the Annexed Zones and the Eligibility Areas referenced in subsections A and B, above) is divided into several Employee Parking Zones as listed in **Exhibit A** and shown in **Exhibit B**.

SECTION 4. Hours and Days of Enforcement, Parking Restrictions, and Exemptions.

- A. Hours. The Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program parking regulations shall be in effect Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, except holidays as defined in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 2.08.100. Outside of these enforcement hours, any motor vehicle may park in the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District, subject to other applicable parking regulations.
- B. Two-Hour Parking Limit; Re-parking Prohibited. During the regulated days and hours of enforcement, the following parking prohibitions shall apply:
 - i. No person shall park in the same Employee Parking Zone within the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District for more than two continuous hours without a valid parking permit.
 - ii. No person shall re-park on the same day in the same Employee Parking Zone within the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District so as to be parked within the same zone more than two hours after initially parking without a valid parking permit.
- C. Exemptions. A vehicle lawfully displaying a valid Resident Parking Permit or Employee Parking Permit in the proper fashion shall be exempt from the two-hour time limit. Electric vehicles parked at and using an electric charging station within the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District shall be exempt from the two-hour limit. Other vehicles exempt from the parking regulations are identified in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 10.50.070.

SECTION 5. Residential and Employee Parking Permits.

- A. Duration. Resident Parking Permits shall be available on an annual basis. One-day Resident Parking Permits shall also be available. Employee Parking Permits shall be available on a six-month basis. One-day Employee Parking Permits shall also be available.
- B. Purchase of Permits. Requirements and eligibility for purchase of both Resident Parking Permits and Employee Parking Permits shall be listed in the Residential Preferential Parking Administrative Guidelines, as approved by the Planning and Community Environment Director.
- C. Parking Permit Sales.
 - 1. Resident Parking Permits.
 - a. Annual Resident Parking Permit Stickers. Each residential address may obtain up to four (4) annual Resident Parking Permit Stickers at the costs listed in the Municipal Fee Schedule. The first permit is free.
 - b. Annual Resident Parking Permit Hangtags. Each residential address

- may purchase up to two (2) annual Resident Parking Permit Hangtags, which are transferable within a household. The permit shall clearly indicate the date through which it is valid.
- c. Daily Resident Parking Permits. Each residential address may purchase up to 50 Daily Resident Parking Permits annually. These permits may be in the form of scratcher hangtags, an on-line issuance system, or such other form as the City may decide. The permit shall clearly indicate the date through which it is valid.
2. Employee Parking Permits. The City may issue Employee Parking Permits for use by employees working in the Downtown area as specified in **Exhibit A**. Employee Parking Permits shall be subject to the following regulations:
- a. Commuting Only. Employee Parking Permits are for the exclusive use by employees working for businesses within the proposed Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program District boundaries while commuting to work.
 - b. Employee Parking Permit Cost. Employees may purchase permits at the costs listed in the Municipal Fee Schedule.
 - c. Six-month Employee Parking Permit Cap. The City shall issue Six-month Employee Parking Permits on an iterative basis to ensure that the issuance of Six-month Employee Parking Permits does not adversely affect parking conditions for residents and merchants in the District in accordance with Section 22507(b) of the Vehicle Code. Notwithstanding the above, the City shall issue no more than 1,000 Employee Permits, with an additional 200 held in reserve. The Employee Parking Permits are to be allocated among the existing, annexed, and eligible Employee Parking Zones according to the authorized maximums annually determined by the Planning and Community Environment Director. Only streets participating in the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program may be allocated permits.
 - d. Six-month Employee Parking Permit Priority for Low-income Employees. Preference will be given in the sale of Six-month Employee Parking Permits to employees who qualify for reduced price permits based on hourly or annual income.
 - e. Employee Parking Zones. Each Employee Parking Permit shall be issued for only one of the Employee Parking Zones as shown in Exhibits A and B and shall entitle the permit holder to park only in that zone for more than two hours.
 - f. Daily Employee Parking Permits. Daily Employee Parking Permits will be available to employees only, and will not be available for sale to employers. Employees will be limited to purchase up to four (4) daily parking permits per month, or roughly one per week.
 1. Distribution of daily employee permits. Daily employee permits will be zone- specific and will be sold randomly. No daily employee permits will be sold in Zones 9 and 10. Employees will not select a specific zone when purchasing a daily permit, and will receive a zone specific daily employee permit selected at random at the time of mailing.

SECTION 6. Cost of Parking Permits. The cost of Parking Permits shall set by the City's Municipal Fee Schedule, and may be adjusted from time to time.

SECTION 7. CEQA. This resolution is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption and implementation of this resolution may have a significant effect on the environment and Section 15301 in that this proposed ordinance will have a minor impact on existing facilities.

SECTION 8. Supersede. To the extent any of the provisions of this Resolution are inconsistent with the regulations set forth in Resolution 9671, this Resolution shall control.

SECTION 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. Enforcement shall commence, pursuant to Chapter 10.50 of Title 10 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code and the California Vehicle Code, when signage is posted.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: June 25, 2018


AYES: DUBOIS, FILSETH, HOLMAN, KOU, WOLBACH

NOES: FINE, KNISS, TANAKA


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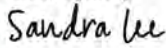


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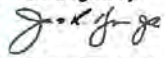
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EXHIBIT A

Table 1. Downtown RPP Program Employee Parking Zones and Current Allocations¹

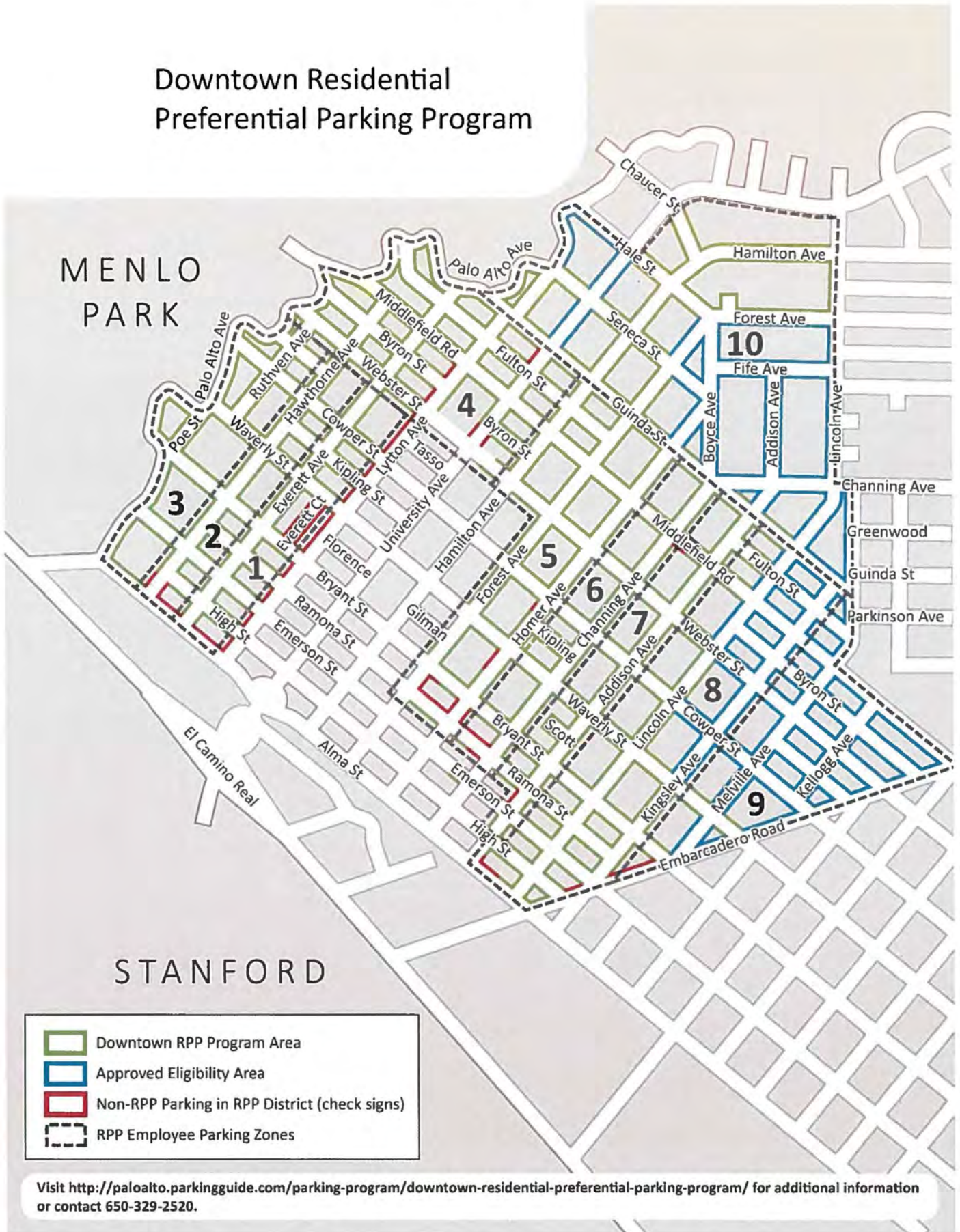
Employee Parking Zone	Boundaries	Permit Allocation
1	Lytton Avenue between Alma Street and Webster Street (where RPP restrictions are in place) 300 blocks of: Alma Street, High Street, Emerson Street, Ramona Street, Bryant Street, Waverley Street, Kipling Street, Cowper Street Everett Avenue between Alma Street and Webster Street	69
2	200 blocks of: Alma Street, High Street, Emerson Street, Ramona Street, Bryant Street, Waverley Street, Kipling Street, Cowper Street Hawthorne Avenue between Alma Street and Webster Street	111
3	100 blocks of: Alma Street, High Street, Emerson Street, Ramona Street, Bryant Street, Waverley Street, Kipling Street, Cowper Street Palo Alto Avenue between Alma Street and Webster Street Poe Street Ruthven Avenue Tasso Street	208
4	Palo Alto Avenue between Webster Street and Guinda Street 600 block of Hawthorne Avenue 600 and 700 blocks of Everett Avenue, Lytton Avenue, University Avenue 100-500 blocks of Webster Street, Byron Street, Middlefield Road, Fulton Street	176
5	600 and 700 blocks of Hamilton Avenue 200-700 blocks of Forest Avenue and Homer Avenue 700 blocks of Ramona Street, Bryant Street, Waverley Street, Cowper Street 600-700 blocks of Webster Street, Byron Street, Middlefield Road, Fulton Street	162
6	800 blocks of Ramona Street, Bryant Street, Waverley Street, Kipling Street, Cowper Street, Webster Street, Middlefield Road Channing Avenue between Ramona Street and Guinda Street	92
7	900 blocks of Ramona Street, Bryant Street, Waverley Street, Cowper Street, Webster Street, Middlefield Road Addison Avenue between High Street and Guinda Street	125
8	1000 and 1100 blocks of High Street, Emerson Street, Ramona Street, Bryant Street, Waverley Street, Cowper Street, Webster Street, Byron Street, Middlefield Road,	57

Employee Parking Zone	Boundaries	Permit Allocation
	Fulton Street Lincoln Avenue and Kingsley Avenue between Alma Street/Embarcadero Road and Guinda Street Embarcadero Road from Alma Street to Kingsley Avenue	
9	1200 block of Bryant Street 1200-1300 blocks of Waverley Street 1200-1400 blocks of Cowper Street, Webster Street, Byron Street 1300-1400 blocks of Tasso Street 1200-1500 blocks of Middlefield Road 1200-1300 blocks of Fulton Street Melville Avenue between Embarcadero Road and Guinda Street Kellogg Avenue between Cowper Street and Middlefield Road Embarcadero Road between Kingsley Avenue and Middlefield Road	0
10	Guinda Street between Palo Alto Avenue to Melville Avenue Palo Alto Avenue between Guinda Street and Hale Street 500 blocks of Chaucer Street and Hale Street 600 block of Hale Street 800 blocks of Lytton Avenue, Homer Avenue and Palo Alto Avenue 800 and 900 blocks of University Avenue, Hamilton Avenue 800-1100 blocks of Forest Avenue Boyce Avenue between Guinda Street and Hale Street 1000-1100 blocks of Fife Avenue 800-900 blocks of Channing Avenue and Addison Avenue 800-1000 blocks of Lincoln Avenue 800 block of Melville Avenue 1000-1100 blocks of Hamilton Avenue	0
Total Six-month Employee Parking Permits		1,000 ² (1,200)
<p>¹ The permit allocations within each zone may be modified annually through administrative action of the Director of Planning and Community Environment, so long as the 1,000 (or 1,200 as applicable) maximum is not exceeded.</p> <p>² 200 additional Six-month Employee Parking Permits are held in reserve and only released as approved by the City Manager. The number in parenthesis is the total maximum number of permits if all permits held in reserve are released.</p>		

Source: Department of Planning & Community Environment, March 2018

EXHIBIT B

Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program



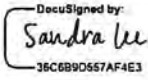
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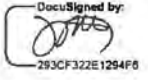
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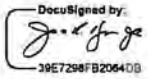
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