

ARTICLE XV FEES AND PERMIT PARKING

Section 15-1 Permit Parking

The Traffic Commission hereby adopts the following permit parking rules and regulations.

Section 15-2.1 Residential Permit Parking

~~Any resident~~ Residents of Somerville, whose motor vehicle, except for a commercial vehicle, is registered and principally garaged in Somerville, and who provides proof of residency as set forth below, may apply for a residential parking permit by completing and signing an application designed to provide the following information:

- a. The name and residential address of the owner of the vehicle;
- b. The name, residential address and driver's license number of the principal operator of the vehicle;
- c. The make, model, color and registration number of the vehicle;

In addition to the application form, an applicant must submit a current valid motor vehicle registration issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles showing the car registered in the applicant's name evidencing the applicant's current Somerville residential address. The applicant must also submit a current utility bill (gas, electric, telephone, or cable)

Whenever the Parking Clerk finds that the applicant qualifies under the provisions of this section for a residential parking permit, he or she shall issue to the applicant one (1) residential parking permit for the vehicle described in the application.

Residents who have been issued a residential parking permit shall be entitled to receive up to two visitors' passes. The visitor passes shall be used only while visitors are actually visiting the household to which the permits are issued. The visitor pass must be fully visible and readable from the exterior of the vehicle. If a visitor pass is lost, it may be replaced a maximum of two times per year. Visitor passes may be used no more than two days in any one-week period, except Sundays.

Parking permits are prohibited for residents of any residential address that was not issued its first certificate of occupancy prior to [Adoption Date] for any property shown on a map designated as Map A hereto appended, to which reference is made, and which Map A is specifically incorporated in this Section. The Parking Director is hereby authorized and directed to maintain a schedule of addresses subject to the parking permit prohibition.

The City of Somerville Traffic Commission shall have the authority to waive the parking permit prohibition for residents that are disabled persons, occupants of a deed restricted affordable dwelling unit, or residents facing extenuating circumstances. The approval program will be referred to as the Residential Permit Parking Prohibition Waiver Program. Residents that are disabled persons, occupants of a deed restricted affordable dwelling unit, or facing extenuating circumstances may request a waiver. The Traffic Commission shall grant a waiver only upon receiving adequate documentation from the applicant. In addition to the application requirements of Section 15-2.1, approval is subject to the following limitations and requirements:

1. Disabled Persons: the applicant must have a handicapped plate or handicapped placard from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles or other duly authorized agency acting under the authority of the Commonwealth.
2. Residents of an ADU: the applicant must provide written verification of residence from the Housing Division or Somerville Housing Authority.
3. Extenuating Circumstances: the applicant must provide written documentation of the specific extenuating circumstances.

The Traffic Commission delegates to the Director of Parking, and is hereby authorized and directed, to automatically issue residential parking permits to residents of deed restricted affordable dwelling units that have applied to the Residential Permit Parking Prohibition Waiver Program and that have provided adequate documentation to satisfy the requirements of this section.

Section 15-2.2 Business Permit Parking

All commercial business in Somerville may apply for a parking permit authorizing the permitted motor vehicle to park in the areas designated by the parking clerk as shown on the permit.

The Traffic Commission, on an annual basis, shall determine the location and number of available permits. A lottery shall be held by the Parking Clerk in which permits are randomly drawn and issued. Any permits remaining after the lottery shall be available for the balance of the year, on a first come first serve basis to qualified businesses

Business parking permits shall only authorize the permit holder to park on their assigned street/lot in areas designated "BUSINESS PERMIT PARKING ONLY" or "EXCEPT BY