

Ordinance No. 123448

Council Bill No. 117024

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; amending Section 11.16.319 of the Seattle Municipal Code revising permit fees related to restricted parking zones.

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# The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

Council Bill/Ordinance sponsored by: Godden  
Councilmember

## Committee Action:

11.12.10      Pass      9-0

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7 Transportation to establish parking rates and fees for restricted (otherwise known as  
8 “residential”) parking zones, and make recommendations to the City Council for fees for  
9 permits; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1979, Ordinance 108354 established the Restricted Parking Zone program to  
11 help ease parking congestion in residential neighborhoods; and

12 WHEREAS, RPZs are located in neighborhoods close to generators of high traffic demand, such  
13 as universities, high schools, hospitals, transit stations or stops, and business districts; and

14 WHEREAS, the establishment of RPZs in such neighborhoods limits the impact of employees,  
15 transit commuters, and students parking their vehicles for lengthy periods of time who  
16 use parking that might otherwise be utilized by residents and area visitors; and

17 WHEREAS, the program has grown from 21 restricted parking zones and 10,000 permits issued  
18 annually in 2003 to 33 zones and an estimated 22,000 permits issued annually in 2010;  
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20 WHEREAS, in 2009 and 2010 the Seattle Department of Transportation made significant  
21 customer service and system improvements to the RPZ program, including the  
22 introduction of online permitting; and

23 WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the fees to cover the increased costs for improvements to  
24 and administration of the RPZ permitting systems; and

25 WHEREAS, during the 2008 budget process, Seattle Department of Transportation committed to  
26 Council to review RPZ fees and consider adjustments in the first year of each biennial  
27 budget process; NOW, THEREFORE,  
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2 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

3 Section 1. Section 11.16.319 of the Seattle Municipal Code, as last amended by  
4 Ordinance 123162, is amended as follows, effective January 1, 2011.

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6 **SMC 11.16.319 Fees for restricted parking zone permits; Waiver or reduction of**  
7 **fees.**

8 A. The parking fees to be collected by the Seattle Department of Transportation for  
9 restricted parking zone permits are as follows:

Type of Permit	Fee
Resident parking permit	<del>(\$45.00)</del> <u>\$65.00</u>
Temporary permit	<del>(\$10.00)</del> <u>\$25.00</u> for first 60-day period; <del>(\$15.00)</del> <u>\$25.00</u> for second 60-day period
Guest permit issued with resident permit	<del>(\$15.00)</del> <u>\$30.00</u>
Guest permit as only permit	<del>(\$45.00)</del> <u>\$65.00</u>
Replacement of resident and guest permit	\$15.00 for first permit, \$25.00 for second permit
Elderly/low-income permanent permit	\$10.00
Single-Day Guest Permit	\$1.00

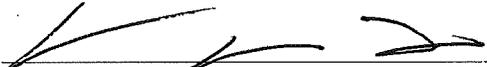
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21 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its  
22 approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after  
23 presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.



1 Passed by the City Council the 22 day of November, 2010, and  
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this  
3 22 day of November, 2010.

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6 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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8 Approved by me this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of December, 2010.

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11 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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13 Filed by me this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of December, 2010.

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**2011-2012 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE**

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
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Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; amending Section 11.16.319 of the Seattle Municipal Code revising permit fees related to restricted parking zones.

Summary of the Legislation: This legislation would adjust the fee for Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) permits to ensure program costs are fully covered. This legislation would raise the fee for a basic RPZ permit from \$45 to \$65. It would also raise the guest permit fee from \$15 to \$30, half the price of the basic permit. In addition, the current two-tiered 60-day temporary permit fee would move from \$10 for a 1st permit and \$15 for a 2nd permit to \$25 for any temporary RPZ permit issued.

Background: The Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) program was established in 1979 to help residents who live in congested areas by discouraging long-term commuter parking on residential streets. During the 2008 budget process, SDOT committed to Council to review RPZ fees and consider adjustments in the first year of each biennial budget process.

Fees were raised in 2009 from \$35 per permit to \$45 per permit in part to fund long-deferred improvements to the system, including replacement of the old FoxPro program with a new computer system to: 1) provide citizens with online permit application and renewal, 2) allow payment by credit card, 3) provide automated validation through interfaces with Department of Licensing and SCL/SPU databases, 4) serve customers without access to computers by providing a user-friendly phone system to access staff to help them complete application and renewal, and 5) allow for interface with Seattle Police Department (SPD) license plate recognition systems to provide enhanced enforcement and reduced abuse.

The fee increase also was projected to help bring the RPZ Cost Center, which had been operating at an annual loss, to annual break-even after system investments, and to solvency by 2011. However, growth in the number of permit holders over the last two years did not occur at assumed levels and SDOT has incurred additional costs related to new zones and zone expansions, resulting in a growing deficit in the Cost Center. SDOT has reduced staff at its Traffic Permits Counter to better align resources with available funding. That staffing reduction combined with this increase in fees will allow the Cost Center to attain solvency in 2011.

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\_\_\_\_\_ This legislation does not have any financial implications. (Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)



X This legislation has financial implications. Please complete all relevant sections that follow.

**Summary of Changes to Revenue Generated Specifically From This Legislation:**

	Revenue Source	2011 Proposed	2012 Proposed
<b>Total Fees and Charges Resulting From Passage of This Ordinance</b>	RPZ Permit Fees	\$287,000	\$242,000

Notes: This legislation would adjust fees for the following:

- Basic Permit: This legislation would raise the fee for a basic RPZ permit from \$45 to \$65 per permit, with most permits being valid for two years. The basic permit fee was last raised in January 2009 from \$35 to \$45.
- Guest Permit: This legislation would raise the fee for a guest permit from \$15 to \$30, to be half the cost of the proposed fee for a basic permit. Guest permits are transferable hangtags, not to be used for a resident's own vehicle. The cost of the guest permit has not increased since 2004.
- Temporary Permit: This legislation would raise the cost of a temporary 60-day permit from \$10 for the first 60 days and \$15 for the second 60 days to a new \$25 rate for any 60-day period. This fee has not been increased since 2004.

For comparative purposes, several other cities charge the following amounts for an annual residential parking permit (Seattle's RPZ permit is good for two years): Philadelphia, \$35; Portland, \$45, San Francisco, \$98.

**Anticipated Total Revenue from Entire Program, Including Changes Resulting From This Legislation:**

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2011 Revenue	Total 2011 and 2012 Anticipated Revenue from Entire Program
Transportation Operating Fund [10310]	RPZ Fees	\$946,000	\$1.73M
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$946,000</b>	<b>\$1.73M</b>

What is the financial cost of not implementing this legislation? Failure to adjust the RPZ fees would result in a deficit negative balance in the Cost Center of approximately \$320,000 in 2011. Under the existing fee structure and accounting for lesser permit sales than were projected in 2008, the cost center would carry a negative balance until at least 2015.

Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department? No.



What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? SDOT has found no potential alternatives that would compensate for the costs of achieving the objectives of the RPZ program.

Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements? No.

Other Issues (including long-term implications of the legislation): None.

Please list attachments to the fiscal note below: None.



City of Seattle  
Office of the Mayor

September 27, 2010

Honorable Richard Conlin  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill for consideration with the 2011 Proposed Budget. This legislation would adjust the fee for Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) permits to ensure program costs are fully covered. The RPZ program was established in 1979 to help residents who live in congested areas by discouraging long-term commuter parking on residential streets.

This legislation would raise the fee for a basic RPZ permit from \$45 to \$65 in order to allow the RPZ Cost Center to break even in 2011. During the 2008 budget process, the Department of Transportation (SDOT) committed to Council to review RPZ fees and consider adjustments in the first year of each biennial budget process. Basic permit fees were increased in January 2009 from \$35 to \$45 with the intent to bring the RPZ cost center into solvency and fund long-deferred systems upgrades to improve customer service. However, fewer permits were issued than estimated and SDOT has incurred additional costs related to new zones and zone expansions, resulting in a growing deficit in the Cost Center.

The legislation would also raise the guest permit fee from \$15 to \$30. Additionally, the current two-tiered 60-day temporary permit fee would move from \$10 for the first permit and \$15 for a second permit to \$25 for any temporary RPZ permit issued. Most RPZ permits are good for a two-year permit cycle.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Margo Polley with SDOT at (206) 684-8329 or [margo.polley@seattle.gov](mailto:margo.polley@seattle.gov).

Sincerely,



Michael McGinn  
Mayor of Seattle

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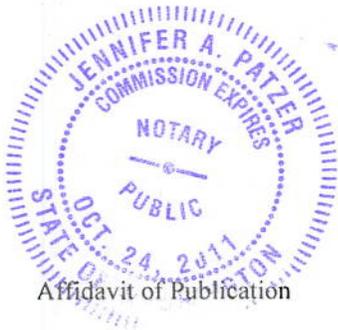
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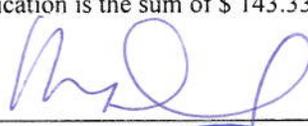
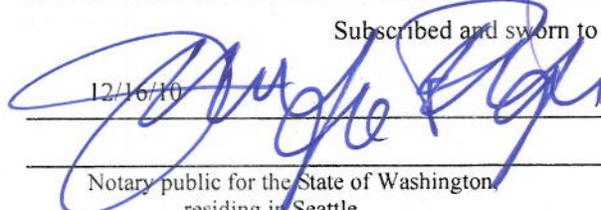
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## City of Seattle

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Richard Conlin

President of the City Council

Approved by me this 2nd day of December, 2010.

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this 2nd day of December, 2010.

(Seal) Monica Martinez-Simmons

City Clerk

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