

COLUMBIA CITY PARKING PROPOSAL FAQ – RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE

WHAT IS A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE (RPZ)?

RPZs were created to help ease parking congestion in residential neighborhoods while balancing the needs of all people to be able to use public streets. In Columbia City, RPZ 29 was established around the light rail station in 2009. In Southeast Seattle RPZ areas, SDOT also issues permits to businesses for their employees to use.

HOW DOES THE RPZ WORK?

- RPZ 29 allows permit holders to park longer than 2 hours between 7 AM and 6 PM, Monday-Friday. There are a few existing 4 hour blocks.
- All residents within the RPZ area, including those on blocks without RPZ signs, would be eligible for RPZ permits. Currently each household can receive up to four permits based upon the number of vehicles registered at an address within the RPZ zone. They can also purchase one visitor permit.
- All businesses within the RPZ are also eligible to purchase permits for employees.
- The RPZ permit only grants exception to time limits on blocks with RPZ 29 signage. On other blocks, permit holders are subject to time limits and payment requirements based on posted restrictions.

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED CHANGE?

The proposal would expand RPZ 29 east to 42nd Ave S and south to S Dawson St. See map on reverse page for the existing and proposed expansion blocks.

WHY EXPAND ZONE 29 AND WHY ON THESE BLOCKS?

- In surveys and other outreach, one of the most common requests we heard from you was to expand the existing RPZ. By limiting all-day parking to permit holders, this will deter vehicles without permits from parking longer than 2 hours on weekdays and likely lead to more parking availability.
- The Seattle Municipal Code has guidelines on how and where we can expand RPZs. SDOT completed multiple area parking studies which documented which blocks have high levels of parking occupancy and could potentially benefit from an RPZ expansion.



DO THE PERMITS COST MONEY?

- Permits are \$65 for two years, with a \$10 permit available for qualifying low income residents.
- By city law, permit fees pay for the cost of program administration. As the program is not citywide and RPZs are generally installed upon request, RPZ costs are paid for by those who live in an RPZ and purchase permits.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

- For more information on RPZs, please see www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/parkingrpz.htm
- For more information on our work in Columbia City, please see www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/cp_ColumbiaCity.htm

HOW CAN I MAKE COMMENTS OR ASK QUESTIONS?

- Respond to our online questionnaire at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDOTCC by February 13, 2017
- Contact us at Columbiacityparking@seattle.gov or 206-733-9026



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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- SDOT plans to issue a final plan for area parking changes around April 2017
- Before any RPZ changes can be made, a public hearing will be held to receive additional feedback on the RPZ changes. This will likely be in May or June 2017.
- Once finalized, more information will be sent to residents and businesses on blocks within the expanded RPZ area.

