

## **§ 40. Residents Parking Program**

- (a) No person shall park any vehicle in any area posted “resident parking only” without a properly displayed, valid and current resident parking sticker issued under the provisions of this section.
- (b) Where official signs are erected giving notice thereof, parking is prohibited or restricted as to time, space and streets in accordance with the schedule of streets designated as schedule XX on file with the city clerk, and which schedule XX is specifically incorporated in this section by reference.
- (c) The parking administrator shall issue a resident parking sticker upon payment of a fee of \$10.00, to the non resident owner of property which is located within the resident only parking zone and to any resident, owner/user of motor vehicles who meet the qualifications of this ordinance. Only vehicles containing a resident parking sticker under this ordinance shall be authorized to park in the appropriate zone of the city posted “parking by resident permit only”. The resident parking sticker shall not be construed so as to waive or annul any other 228 parking ordinances or regulations of the city. No resident parking sticker shall be issued unless the vehicle is registered in the commonwealth under General Laws, chapter 90, § 2, in the city, with a registered gross weight of under one ton and owned or used by a person residing in the city at the address on the registration.
- (d) No resident sticker shall be valid unless it is located on the rear window, driver's side, lower left corner of the vehicle. On station wagons and convertibles, the resident sticker shall not be valid unless it is located on the glass on the left side of the vehicle, as far back towards the rear as possible.
- (e) No resident sticker shall be issued unless the owner presents proof of residency in the form of one of the following:
- (1) A current registration certificate issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles stating the required information by sub-section (c).
  - (2) As required above along with a current paid Worcester excise tax bill.
  - (f) A photocopy of a registration will be accepted following the requirements of sub-section (e) providing it can be verified by the parking administrator through the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The parking administrator may rely upon such other information and documentation as is reasonable to establish the lawful residency of the applicant. In all cases, the parking administrator's decision as to the residency of the applicant shall be final.
- (g) The parking administrator shall issue one visitor permit upon payment of an additional fee of to any resident who meets one of the following qualifications.
- (1) The resident owns a vehicle which qualifies for a parking sticker under subsection (c) providing no other person in the same household has been issued a visitors permit; or
  - (2) In a household where the resident do not have a motor vehicle, a current utility or phone bill or a lease inclusive of utilities (valid for at least one year), provided no other person in the same household has been issued a visitor permit; or
  - (3) A household in which the resident own or control a motor vehicle which is not registered as specified in subsection (c), may be issued one visitor permit for use on their visitor's vehicle only. All motor vehicle registrations must be shown before visitor permits will be issued.

(4) Visitor permits shall not be issued to anyone residing in any building owned by a college or university or other educational institution and used for residential purposes by students and affiliates of any such university or college.

(h) Additional visitor permits of a number specified by the parking administrator may be issued to doctors of medicine, dentists and funeral directors, or any other home occupation or business use authorized as an accessory use in a residential zone under the Zoning Ordinance, upon written application, providing the practice is conducted in an area posted "parking by resident permit only", and the traffic engineer determines that no parking is available in this area. The holder of such additional visitor permits shall not allow employees or anyone other than clients and patients to use the permits. Applications shall be sent to the parking 229 administrator on the applicant's professional letterhead. The parking administrator may require additional information verifying the legality of the use from the building commissioner.

(i) Parking stickers shall automatically expire when a car ceases to qualify under subsection (c), if affixed to a car other than the one so designated at the time of application, or if the registration number on the resident sticker is different than the one of the vehicle. Any vehicle bearing a revoked parking sticker and parked on a posted street will be subject to the same penalty as a vehicle without a parking sticker or a visitor permit.

(j) Visitor permits and parking stickers will expire on December 31 of each year. Any vehicle bearing an expired visitor permit or parking sticker and parked on a posted street will be subject to the same penalty as a vehicle parked without a parking sticker or visitor's permit.

(k) Visitors permit regulations: One visitor permit shall be issued per household for use by visitors only, while visitors are actually visiting the household to which they were issued. The visitor permits shall be displayed on the front dashboard, above the steering wheel, and shall be fully readable from the exterior of the vehicle. Any extended use (more than 10 days) of a visitor permit must have prior approval of the parking administrator. Visitor permits must be returned to the resident at the conclusion of the visit. No replacement visitor permits shall be issued by the parking administrator. In the event a resident of Worcester moves from one section of the city to another, the issued visitor permit shall be returned to the parking officer along with the proof of the new address as required in subsection (e) in order to obtain a new sticker or permit.

(l) Visitor permit shall expire and be revoked by the parking administrator under the following circumstances:

(1) It is used on any vehicle owned or controlled by a resident.

(2) It is used on an employee's car.

(3) It is used for more than ten days by a visitor without prior approval of the parking office.

(m) Temporary Parking Permits: Temporary parking permits shall be issued by the parking administrator to residents upon payment of a fee and under the following circumstances:

(1) A resident with a resident sticker whose vehicle was stolen or is being repaired, and has a rental car. The parking administrator shall issue a city-wide temporary permit at no charge for the length of the rental agreement.

(2) A resident with a vehicle who is transferring a registration shall be issued a temporary permit for seven days to allow time to change over. This will be valid only in the area in which he/she resides. A valid registration along with a proof of residency shall be required in order to obtain a permit.

(3) A resident, who owns no vehicle and is renting or leasing one, must submit proof of residency along with a rental or lease agreement. A temporary permit shall be issued for the length of the rental or lease agreement.

(n) No permit under this ordinance shall be issued unless all parking fines and/or penalties and all excise taxes and/or penalties due to the city on all vehicles registered to household 230 members have to be paid in full prior to issuance of any stickers or permits to household members.

**(o) The parking administrator may issue city-wide temporary parking permits in a number specified by the parking administrator after payment of a fee for each permit to non-profit social service agencies for use by employees of such agencies providing medical or other services to elderly or disabled residents in the homes of such residents. Such permits shall expire on June 30 of each year and may be renewed by the non-profit social service agency for additional periods after payment of the appropriate fee. Applications shall be provided to the parking administrator on the applicant's professional letterhead. Such permit shall only be used when the employee of the non-profit social service agency is actually providing services to an elderly or disabled resident and shall be displayed on the front dashboard above the steering wheel and shall be fully readable from the exterior of the vehicle.\***

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