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## Parking by Permit Only

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HRM's Parking Permit program entitles Permit holders to park their automobile on the street within a specified area signed "Parking by Permit Only". The intent of this program is to better manage supply of weekday on-street parking in residential areas where demand is high, thereby minimizing impacts to the residents of the street.

Establishment of "Parking by Permit Only" blocks is initiated by the residents of the street through HRM's By-law P-1000 "The On-Street Parking Exemptions and Permits By-Law". Please note that the implementation of a "Parking by Permit Only" block is not solely dependant on a petition by residents. HRM staff reviews all requests on a case by case basis to determine if the roadway is a suitable candidate location for this program.

### **Will residents be required to purchase Permits in order to park on their street?**

Before any Permits are issued, residents will be entitled to purchase a Residential Parking Exemption at a rate of \$30/year. The Exemption allows residents to override certain parking restrictions on their own street, including the "Parking by Permit Only" restriction. Each dwelling unit is entitled to one Exemption, which can be registered to two vehicles. The Exemption is interchangeable between two vehicles but can only be used by one vehicle at a time.

Based on the number of Residential Parking Exemptions sold and the availability of street space, HRM Traffic Services will determine how many, if any, Parking Permits may be issued. Available Permits will be offered to local residents before being made open to the public. In order for a resident to park **two** vehicles on their street simultaneously, they will be required to purchase an Exemption **and** a Permit. Please note that residents of buildings with more than four (4) units are not eligible for Residential Parking Exemptions. Neither the Permits nor Exemptions provide a reserved spot in front of your home.

### **How much do the actual Permits cost?**

Permit rates range from \$35/month to \$65/month, depending on the local area.

### **What about my visitors?**

If a street is deemed "Parking by Permit Only", a certain number of spaces (depending on the size of the street) will be reserved for short-term visitors (1-hr or 2-hr parking). For long-term guests, Visitor Parking Exemptions are available at the HRM Customer Service Centres at rates of \$20/fourteen days or \$5/day.

### **Are there alternatives to this program?**

Yes. To eliminate all-day parking by non-residents, for example, it may be preferable to implement parking restrictions (e.g., No Parking 10AM - 11AM) before establishing a Parking by Permit Only zone.

### **How does this program differ from Resident Only Parking restrictions that I've seen in other cities?**

The intent of the "Parking by Permit Only" option is similar to Resident Only Parking in that it gives preferential treatment to the residents of the street. If it is determined, however, that the residents do not require all available street space, Permit Parking makes that space available to non-residents, optimizing the utilization of street space in high demand areas.

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