

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

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 per household. 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 ~~restricted prohibited~~ for residents of any new development, including (1) the construction of entirely new buildings and (2) the redevelopment or modification of existing buildings that add new units, which meet all of the following conditions:

a) Located within a Transit Area, as defined by the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, as identified by the official Somerville Zoning Atlas (all lots within ½ mile of a rapid transit station for residential uses).

b) Located in a Zoning District other than the Neighborhood Residence (NR) District as identified by the official Somerville Zoning Atlas.

c) Received its first building permit on or after January 15, 2020.

~~residential address that was not issued its first building permit prior to January 15, 2020 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 ~~Director of~~ Parking Department shall maintain a schedule of addresses, certified by the Inspectional Services Department, subject to the parking permit restriction prohibition.

Residents of deed restricted affordable dwelling units, residents with disabilities, and residents who claim to have extenuating circumstances may apply for a waiver of the parking permit restriction. Waivers must be adjudicated by OSPCD Housing Division staff, ADA Coordinator, Director of Housing Stability, or their designee. An approved waiver qualifies residents for a resident parking permit only. Visitor passes will not be issued under any circumstances.

~~The Director of Parking shall have the authority to waive the parking permit prohibition for residents with disabilities, residents of a deed restricted affordable dwelling unit, or residents facing extenuating circumstances.~~ The Director of Parking shall issue parking permits only upon receiving adequate documentation that satisfies the waiver requirements of this section. In addition to the application requirements in the first two paragraphs of Section 15-2.1, applicants shall also submit a waiver form with the following information:

1. Residents with Disabilities: the applicant must have a disability plate or disability placard from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles or other duly authorized agency acting under the authority of the Commonwealth or written verification of a medical condition that causes a substantial impairment to the use of public transportation.
2. Residents of a Deed Restricted Affordable Dwelling Unit: the applicant must provide written verification of residence from the Housing Division, Somerville Housing Authority, or other provider of deed restricted affordable housing.
3. Residents with Extenuating Circumstances: the applicant must provide a written recommendation from the Director of Housing Stability in consideration of the extenuating circumstances.

~~Please visit our website www.somervillema.gov/ParkingPermitRestrictions for answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding the changes of 2019-91.~~