



District 1, 2, 5 Parking Permits

- The City of Irvine's Pilot Parking Permit program has been re-approved and will continue to be **ENFORCED**.
- Depending on when a resident purchased, Parking Permits in Districts 1, 2 and 5 have started to **expire** on July 31, 2023 and must be renewed at <https://paymymce.com/Irvine/TemporaryPermit.aspx>
- As of **September 13, 2023**, Irvine Police will begin to enforce **24 hours** per day. The signs have been changed to NO PARKING ANYTIME
- Please show restraint from reporting short term parking, such as service vehicles.
- Please be advised that IPD Parking Enforcement may unpredictably patrol.



District 1, 2, 5 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is preferential parking and why did the City implement this type of program in my community?

A: Preferential parking is the exemption for vehicles displaying a valid Parking Permit from certain parking restrictions. Over the past ten years, the Paseo Westpark community has had a significant increase in the number of people who live outside the community parking within the community. The goal of the program is to manage who parks within any given district within the community so that available on-street parking is maximized for residents and their guests. This is done by restricting on-street parking with exception for those vehicles that display a valid Parking Permit. This also helps foster a safer environment by addressing loitering and associated illegal activities that have been observed within the community in the past. The pilot parking program was approved by City Council on November 24, 2020 and renewed on June 13, 2023.

Q: If I live in a district where preferential parking is implemented, what do I need to do?

A: Parking within your garage or driveway requires no further action. Parking on a public street during the restricted hours (24 hours per day) requires a Resident Parking Permit or Guest Parking Permit.

Q: Didn't the Paseo Westpark Parking pilot permit enforcement used to have shorter hours?

A: The current City ordinance has 24 hour permits. The City desires to have uniform enforcement throughout the City in all permit districts. During the previous pilot, the City determined that the reduced hours were insufficient and difficult to enforce. As of September 13, 2023, the signs changed to NO PARKING ANYTIME – PERMIT REQUIRED and the new 24 hour restriction is enforceable. On July 1, 2023, parking permit violations were raised from \$44 to \$59.

Q: How many Resident Parking Permits or Guest Parking Permits can I have and how do I obtain them?

A: Each household can obtain up to three Resident Parking Permits and two Guest Parking Permits. A designated website (<https://paymymce.com/Irvine/TemporaryPermit.aspx>) is available for the purchase of Permits. Proof of residency will be required at the time of purchase. Residency is based on the registered owner of the vehicle. A Guest Parking Permit must NOT be used in a vehicle registered to an address in the parking district.

The Parking Permit prices during the 2023 to 2025 period remain the same as the previous period. Resident Parking Permit cost: \$95 per vehicle. Up to three Resident Parking Permits per home. Non-transferable.

Guest Parking Permit cost: \$40 each. Up to two Guest Parking Permits per home. Guest Parking Permits are only for use by temporary visitors. Vehicle must NOT be registered to an address within the parking District.

A vehicle that is registered to a home within the District MUST have a Resident Parking Permit, not a Guest Parking Permit. Irvine Police Department does check each license plate to identify where a vehicle is registered.

Q: What is the validity of the Parking Permit?

A: Each Parking Permit is valid for two years or until the City Council terminates the program.

Q: Are the Parking Permits interchangeable between vehicles?

A: A Resident Parking Permit is assigned to a specific vehicle, is to be affixed to that vehicle (driver's side of the windshield) and is NOT interchangeable.

A Guest Parking Permit is not affixed to a specific vehicle and is interchangeable between guest vehicles.

A Guest Parking Permit must NOT be used in a vehicle registered to an address in the parking district.

Q: Where do I place a Resident Parking Permit?

A: The Resident Parking Permit MUST be placed in the lower left corner (driver's side) of the windshield. DO NOT TAPE.

The Resident Parking Permit must be properly displayed to be valid.

The Resident Parking Permit cannot be transferred.

Q: Where do I place a Guest Parking Permit?

A: The Guest Parking Permit MUST be clearly displayed on the left front dashboard of the vehicle not obstructing the vehicle identification number (VIN).

Q: What else does the Irvine Police Department want me to know about Parking Permits?

A: The Guest Parking Permit MUST not be used for Resident's registered vehicle.

Please note the expiration date.

Report theft or loss immediately.

Do not alter the Parking Permit in any manner.

If the vehicle is sold, you will need to reapply to the city for a new permit, fees may apply.

Q: Who is considered a resident? Who is considered a guest?

A: A resident vehicle is determined by the address of the DMV registration of the vehicle. A guest is any person visiting a resident located in a preferential parking district for any customary guest purposes using a vehicle that does NOT have a registered address located within the parking district.

Example: a college student at home must use Resident Parking Permit if the car is registered to home address.

Example: a contractor must use a Guest Parking Permit.

Q: What should a contractor parking long term in front of my house do?

A: A contractor working at your house must use a Guest Parking Permit provided by the homeowner.

Q: If a family member is visiting for an extended period of time, are they considered a resident or guest?

A: Because the dwelling unit is not their permanent residence, they are considered a guest if their vehicle does NOT have a registered address located within the parking district and would need a Guest Parking Permit if parking on-street during restricted hours.

Q: If I have a Resident Parking Permit or my guest is given a Guest Parking Permit by me, where can we park?

A: Cars displaying a valid Parking Permit may park anywhere on the public streets within the same district with which the associated household is located. Each district is designated by a different number code (e.g., 1, 2, 5, etc.). Other parking rules still need to be followed, such as no parking in front of fire hydrants, driveways or blocking sidewalks.

Q: May I store my vehicle on the street?

A: Regardless of having any Parking Permit, a vehicle that is parked more than 72 hours in the same location on a street is subject to a citation/tow.

Q: For how long are the Resident Parking Permits and Guest Parking Permits valid?

A: The Parking Permits obtained as part of this pilot program are valid for the duration of the pilot program – currently two years or until July 2025. During 2023 and 2024, staff will monitor the program to assess its effectiveness, operations, enforcement efforts, incurred costs, and community support. After the initial monitoring, a report will be prepared summarizing the findings for various commissions and City Council review. A determination will be made at that time to terminate, continue or modify the program. The fee and period for the Parking Permits may be re-evaluated as part of the City Council review and consideration to continue the program.

Q: What do I do if I am hosting a family gathering or a party, and I do not have enough Guest Parking Permits?

A: A parking variance may be requested through Public Safety at 949-724-7000 or <https://irvineca.seamlessdocs.com/f/parkingvariancerrequest>, at least three business days in advance of the event (but preferably five). Once approved, parking enforcement will not occur within the vicinity of the residence requesting the exception for the specified date and time period of the event. Variances should be used sparingly.

Q: Following implementation, what should I do if I see a car that is parking repetitively or long term?

A: Please show restraint from reporting short term parking, such as service vehicles. Please do not report before October 2023. If a violation is observed after October 1, please use the iPhone/Android App “Access Irvine” to notify the City or call 949-724-7000. Parking enforcement may occur as soon as resources are available.