

Residential Parking for City of Traverse City Residents Frequently Asked Questions

The Residential Permit Program (RPP) is intended to supplement resident parking needs on a temporary or as-needed basis. The program does not eliminate on-street parking for public use, but aims to limit use by non-residents by enforcing posted time limits.

Why is the DDA involved in residential parking?

The City of Traverse City approached the Traverse City Parking Services to implement a residential parking program (RPP) based on information gathered over the course of the pilot which was initiated in 2001. The Operation and Management Contract between the City and DDA was amended on July 1, 2014 to include, "16. Residential Permits. The DDA shall administer the residential parking permit program on behalf of the City."

What areas/blocks are eligible for Residential Parking Program (RPP)?

Any non-metered residential block that has a restricted time limit is eligible to obtain RPP permits.

Who is eligible to be surveyed?

Surveys will be sent to residential property owners. Businesses, schools, medical facilities, etc. will not be surveyed.

How do we request to be surveyed?

Anyone interested, should contact Traverse City Parking Services at (231) 922-0241, or email rpp@downtowntc.com. The request will be submitted to the City of Traverse City Transportation Committee to verify the block is eligible for a RPP. Once the block has been verified, surveys will be sent to the residents.

What does it mean for my block to be verified?

Emergency routes, mail drive-up routes, and other factors will be used to verify the block is eligible.

How is 51% calculated?

Surveys will be sent to each property owner of the block requesting. The surveys will be sent to the address on file with the City Assessor's Office. Residents will have a minimum of two weeks to respond. 51% is calculated as the amount of responses in favor over those not in favor and those who did not respond.

Example 1: The block has 10 residences and 10 surveys were sent. Survey results: 3 yes, 2 no, 5 no response would calculate as $3/10 = 30\%$ Yes, $7/10 = 70\%$ No. RPP would not pass for this block.

Example 2: The block has 10 residences and 10 surveys were sent. Survey results: 5 yes, 5 no would calculate as $5/10 = 50\%$ Yes, $5/10 = 50\%$ No. RPP would not pass for this block.

If our block did not show support in a previous survey, how long do we have to wait to request another survey?

A block may request to be surveyed no more than one (1) time in a 12 month period.

If the residents of my block show a 51% interest in RPP, what happens next?

Restricted parking signage will be installed on the RPP block. Residents may request residential permits through an RPP application once the signs have been installed.

How are permits assigned?

The intent of the permits are to allow residents to park within a reasonable distance of their house. However, permits will be assigned by neighborhood. Permits are valid on any block that has RPP within the neighborhood.

Example: Both the 300 block of Seventh and the 400 block of Thirteenth Street reside in Central Neighborhood. Both blocks have elected to participate in the RPP and may obtain a Central Neighborhood Permit. Posted signs for Seventh Street are 2 Hour Limit and Thirteenth Street are No Parking 8 AM-3 PM School Days. Residents from the 400 block of Thirteenth may park on the 300 block of Seventh or vice versa with their Central Neighborhood Residential Permit. Residents in the 500 block of Tenth Street have not elected to participate, therefore, are not eligible to obtain a Central Neighborhood permit.

Who is eligible to obtain a residential permit?

Only residents on blocks approved for RPP are eligible to obtain a permit. There is no limit to the number of permits. The resident must provide proof of vehicle registration that the vehicle must be registered to an address on the RPP block.

If I am a Traverse City resident, but my vehicle is registered in another city or State, am I eligible to obtain a residential permit?

No. Michigan Secretary of State Vehicle registration must indicate that the vehicle is registered to an address on the on the RPP block.

My block has a RPP, am I required to obtain a residential permit?

No. Residents may elect to obtain a permit to park past the posted restrictions, but residents are not required to have a permit.

Does my permit allow overnight parking?

No. Residential permits are valid for daytime hours only for the purpose of parking past posted time limits. Overnight parking will be enforced as stated in the current ordinance 410.04(c).

Am I able to obtain a permit for my boat trailer or motorhome?

No. Permits are available for passenger vehicles only and are not intended for use with trailers or motorhomes.

I live in the DDA District, am I eligible for a RPP?

No. Only neighborhoods outside of the DDA District are eligible for a RPP. Both Hardy and Old Town Garages offer 24 hour access for daytime and overnight parking through the downtown permit program.

My block has meters, is my block eligible for a RPP?

No. RPP permits are not valid in metered spaces.

I own a business on a RPP block, am I eligible to purchase permits for my employees?

No. RPP permits are only offered to residents who reside on the RPP block.

I own two properties in Traverse City, one in Traverse Heights and one in Central Neighborhood. My personal vehicle is registered to my residence in Traverse Heights, am I able to obtain a permit to park in Central Neighborhood?

No. You are eligible for a RPP permit for the neighborhood that corresponds to the address in which your vehicle is registered.

I own a business, and my vehicle is registered to my business. I also own a home in Old Town Neighborhood. Am I able to obtain a permit to park in Old Town Neighborhood?

No. You are eligible for a RPP permit for the neighborhood that corresponds to the address in which your vehicle is registered.

I have a vehicle that has Dealer Plates, a loaner vehicle or company issued vehicle. Am I eligible to obtain a permit?

No. The license plate must be registered to a property in the RPP zone.

What should I do if I do not agree with time restrictions on my block?

You may request to have your block surveyed to remove time restrictions. 51% in favor is required in order to pass. Once passed, any permits issued to properties on the block will be deactivated.