



# TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC WORKS

## RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM

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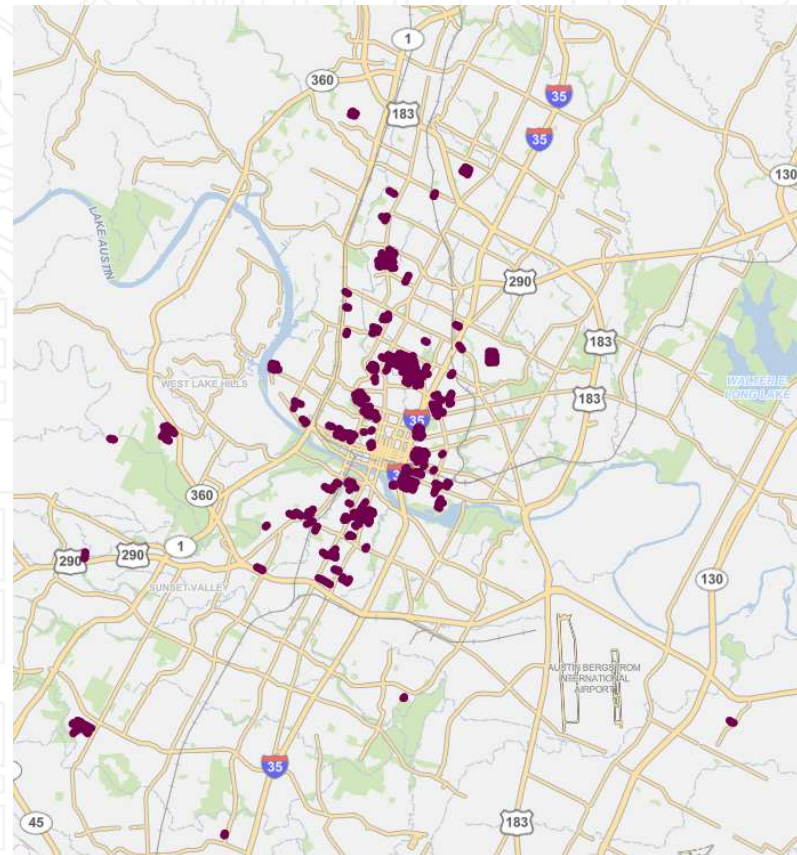
# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- AUSTIN'S RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING (RPP) PROGRAM HISTORY
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# AUSTIN'S RPP PROGRAM HISTORY

- RPP program was created in 1997 to address overflow parking from University of Texas students parking in adjacent neighborhoods.
- City Code 12-5 establishes authority to issue permits
- Original guidelines established in 1997, updated in 2011 – set intention and desired outcome for program
- Currently 52 different zones
- Approximately 6,000+ RPP spaces citywide

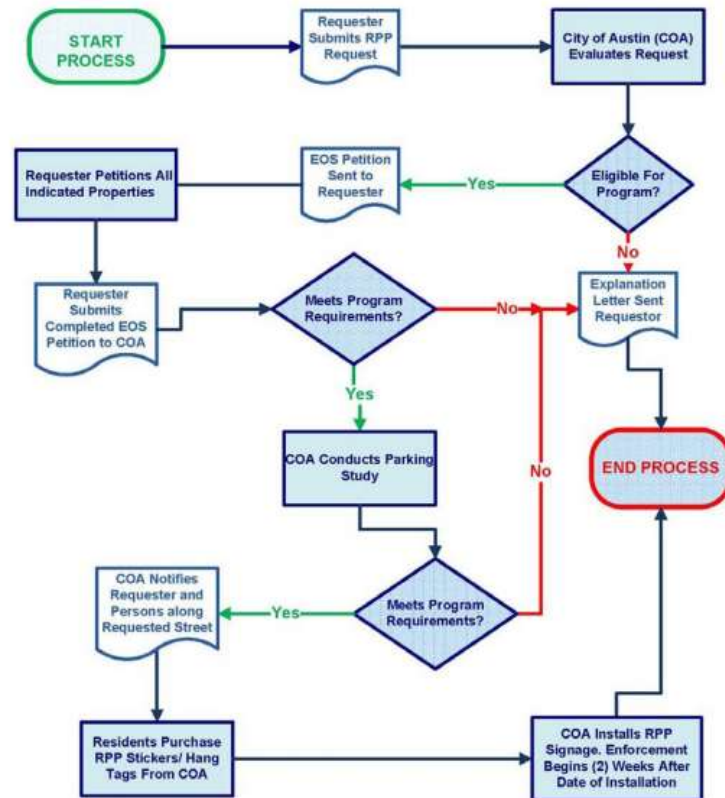




# CURRENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Resident submits application & pays application fee (\$350).
- Staff reviews application / Meeting to discuss with applicant.
- Staff creates documents needed for applicant to circulate resident petition.
- Proposed RPP street must meet 60% support from other homeowners /residents.
- If 60% support is reached, 2-week parking occupancy survey occurs with threshold of at least 75%\* of all available legal parking spaces occupied by a parked vehicle
- Engineer review, sign install, permit distribution

Installation of RPP - Process Flow Chart



# CURRENT PROGRAM FEEDBACK

## RPP CUSTOMER INPUT

- Not enough enforcement – Sunday desired
- Permit misuse / abuse
- Requirement to purchase permits
- Cost of permits

## RESIDENT/EMPLOYEE/COMMUTER INPUT

- No re-evaluation process
- Short-term rentals
- Privatization of public space

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Lack of consideration of public amenity access
- Lack of consideration of alternative off-street parking nearby

Yearly Resident Permit	Permit Cost
1st permit	\$20
2nd permit	\$25
3rd permit	\$30
4th permit	\$35
5th permit	\$60
6th permit	\$70

\* Day use pass is \$5 per pass

# DIRECTOR RULES

The recent parking code modernization, under §12-5-37 RESIDENTS ONLY ZONE, authorizes staff to replace the existing guidelines with Director rules.

## CONSISTENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Avoid Inconsistent Application
- Increases Accountability
  - Transparent Framework
  - Zone Re-Evaluation Criteria

## STRENGTHEN PROGRAM

- Identify Fraud or Abuse
  - Accountability
- Potential to Offset Program Costs
  - Pay-to-Park Component / Hybrid approach

## PERIODIC REVIEW OF EXISTING ZONES

- Review Occupancy
- Review Contextual Issues Such As Land Use

# REVIEW OF KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS

## 1. Eligibility for RPP Zone designation

- Nearby land uses and public amenities
- Level of support in proposed zone
- Minimum occupancy levels
- Incorporation of a pay-to-park component when appropriate (Hybrid)

## 2. Zone Review for Modification or Removal

- Periodic occupancy surveys
- Total permit renewals

## 3. Permits\*

- Criteria for eligibility

## 4. Enforcement

- Transparent process to revoke or suspend permits for misuse

**\*Cost of Permits and Passes**



# CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT / FEEDBACK

## STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

- Received consistent community feedback in recent years
- Internal stakeholder review of draft rules

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

- Online survey launched early April
  - ~3-week initial feedback phase
  - Will inform approach to draft rules

## DIRECTOR RULES

- Another chance for feedback on specific language will occur during the comment period after Director rules are posted





# PROPOSED TIMELINE\*

Milestone	Date/Timeframe	Details
TPW presents to Council Mobility Committee	April 17, 2025	Initial opportunity for Council and community public input and feedback
Rule set finalized	May 1, 2025	Internal drafting of rules completed (including legal review and approval)
Public posting of Director rules / Public comment period begins	May 5, 2025	City Clerk's office
Public comment period ends (per City Code §1-2-5)	June 4, 2025	All responses documented and reviewed
Response to comments and summary posted	July 3, 2025	Completes requirements of director rules process – includes final legal review before City clerk adoption
Notice of rule adoption	July 10, 2025	New Director rules adopted



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## Questions/Discussion

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