

Downtown Parking Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. A “Permit Parking” sign was installed near my home or business. Do I need to obtain a permit?

The only people that need to obtain a permit are those who live or work on North or South Maryland Avenue, the Unit (0-99) Block of West Potomac Street, or South Maple Avenue. These areas have been designated as Visitor Parking areas during the daytime hours therefore residents are not permitted to park there during the day. Enforcement officers need to be able to tell resident/employee vehicles apart from visitor vehicles, therefore a permit is required.

2. Why do residents/business owners on North or South Maryland Avenue, the Unit (0-99) Block of West Potomac Street, or South Maple Avenue need a permit if they can park elsewhere without a permit?

The need for a permit is strictly to assist enforcement officers in knowing who is permitted to park in Visitor Parking areas. If you reside or work in one of the areas requiring a permit, but never plan to park in those areas, you don't need to obtain a permit.

3. Where should I park if someone with a permit parks their vehicle in a space in front of my home?

Parking spaces on public streets do not belong to the adjacent homeowner or business. Anyone is permitted to park in these spaces. If you reside in the downtown parking area and parking is not immediately available to you outside of your residence or business, you may park in any other space not designated as Visitor Parking.

4. Where will officers be enforcing the parking program?

Enforcement will take place in areas designated as Visitor Parking.

5. How do I park downtown if I don't have a smart phone to utilize the Park Mobile app?

You may call Park Mobile to set up parking using a non-smart phone.