

**Article 6-A**  
**Residential Permit Parking**

**Purpose:** The City of Bath Resident Permit Parking program hereinafter “ permit” , may be issued to Bath residents for parking in excess of one hour on public streets in residential areas, as defined by order of the City Council, when parked within the defined residential parking zone for which the permit is issued. All other parking regulations of the city apply.

**A. Definitions:**

- a. Resident: means a person who has declared or established residency in the city or has been domiciled in this city for a period of at least 30 days.
- b. Residential Zone: a contiguous or nearly contiguous zone containing public streets or parts thereof where residents dwell
- c. Resident Motor Vehicle: a registered motor vehicle owned or leased by a resident of the residential permit parking zone and bearing a valid parking permit issued pursuant to this section. For purposes of this, lease includes permanent assignment of a company vehicle to a resident, which vehicle is principally garaged at that person’s residence.

**B. Residential Zone Designation:** A residential area shall be deemed eligible for residential parking zone if the city council determines that parking therein is impacted by commuter vehicles. In determining whether an area identified as eligible for residential permit parking shall be designated as a residential permit parking zone, the city council shall take into consideration the following factors:

- a. The extent of the desire and need of the residents for residential permit parking.
- b. Proximity of the neighborhood to commuter and transit service
- c. Scarcity of convenient off street parking for residents
- d. The extent to which motor vehicles registered to persons residing in the residential area cannot be accommodated by the number of available off street parking
- e. Substantial use of neighborhood curb space by commuters and other nonresidents for parking
- f. Traffic, noise, and safety problems caused by vehicles parking and traveling in their neighborhood
- g. Majority (75%) of the neighborhood residents supporting the permit zone

**C. Permit Issuance:**

- a. Eligibility: A person is eligible to apply for a residential parking permit if they own or lease a motor vehicle and resides on property within or immediately adjacent to a street, avenue, or other location on which the residential parking zone of this section are applicable.

**D. Residency:**

- a. Proof: Of residence in the residential parking zone in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Traffic and Parking Safety Department must be presented at the time application is made. All residents must comply with applicable state registration and operator license

requirements in Title 29-A, Section 101 et. seq. In order to be eligible for a resident parking permit.

- b. Application: The application for the permit shall contain the name of the owner or lessee of the motor vehicle; residential address; the make, model, and plate number of the motor vehicle; and the number and state of the driver's license of the applicant.
- c. Documents: The following documents must be presented with the permit application:
  - i. Vehicle registration, and if applicable, the rental agreement for the vehicle or a letter from a company official on company letterhead indicating a vehicle has been permanently assigned to the applicant and is principally garaged at the applicant's residence; and
  - ii. A valid State of Maine driver's license showing applicant's address as being within the zone; or if no such license, a current State of Maine identification; or military identification, and their current driver's license; or a driver's license from another state, proof of residential property ownership within the zone to which the permit will apply and an affidavit, signed under oath, stating that they applicant will be residing within the zone for a period of at least six months and the address of the applicant's principal residence in another state; and
  - iii. Proof of current residency within the zone.

#### E. Permit Stickers

- a. A permit shall be issued for a residential permit parking zone only after approval of the permit application by the Traffic and Parking Enforcement Department. Annual permit stickers shall be issued from January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> and may contain such information that may be determined to be necessary from time to time, including without limitation the zone number if more than (1) zone has been established pursuant to this section. Permit stickers must be displayed upon the lower center rear of the vehicle.
- b. Replacement Sticker shall be issued only on proof of disposition or return of the old sticker.
- c. You may renew your permit sticker annually. They will be issued in the same manner as a new permit sticker

#### F. City Council

- a. The City Council, by order, may authorize the establishment of a residential parking zone applicable to specifically designated residential permit parking zones, with regulation as to the number of permits to be issued, the manner of issuance of the permits, the temporary or permanent nature of the program in the designated parking zone and such other conditions which are not in conflict with this section.

#### G. Other Violations

- a. A residential parking permit shall not authorize the holder thereof to park a motor vehicle in such places or during such times as parking of motor vehicles is prohibited or set aside for specific types of vehicles, nor exempt the holder from the observance of

any traffic and/or parking ordinances other than a one(1) hour parking limit within the residential parking zone.

- b. The residential parking permit shall not allow the holder to park on the street in a residential parking zone during the Winter Parking Ban.
- c. No person shall furnish any false information to the city in connection with the obtaining of any permit authorized hereunder. Any permit issued upon such false information or attached to a different vehicle shall be null and void.
- d. No person shall sell, lend or otherwise transfer any permit and any permit attempted to be sold, lent or transferred shall become null and void.
- e. Any sticker attached to a vehicle which is sold or transferred to a new owner or lessee shall be removed from such vehicle prior to such sale and transfer.

H. Penalties:

- a. Fines will be set by Council Resolution.
  - i. Violation of Resident Parking Permit

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