

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PARKING PERMIT CHANGES BEGINNING IN MAY, 2016

The Central Eastside Industrial Council and the Portland Bureau of Transportation approved parking permit changes recommended by the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC).

As part of management of the Central Eastside's permit program the TPAC will be initiating changes to the permit system in the Central Eastside Industrial District. If you have questions about these changes please contact Peter Stark ptstark@ceic.cc.

Grandfathering

- Beginning May 1, 2016, Zone N permits will only be issued to residents, employers and employees that bought permits the previous year.
- If a permit is not renewed, the applicant may not apply for a permit the following year.
- Zone N and Zone G permits may be used to park in either permit zone area.

Nontransferable

- All permits will remain nontransferable.
- Since the permit is issued to the tenants and not the building owner, sale of a building will not impact the ability of a building tenants to request a permit as long as the tenant remains at the same address and has grandfathered permits.

Attrition

- As permit stalls are replaced with time stay or meters following best practices for managing the permit system both Zone N and G permit areas will experience attrition. PBOT will conduct occupancy counts of the on-street system and determine blocks that will shift from permit to time stay or meters. Although no sunset date has been set for either zone it is anticipated there will be substantially reduced parking available for permits beyond five years. The TPAC, PBOT and CEIC will review the permit system annually to determine what actions will be necessary to address parking needs district wide including the possibility of sunseting the permit system.

Reduced permit availability

- Employee permits issued in Zone N will be limited to 85% of permits issued in 2015 permit year.
- Employee permits issued in Zone G will be issued to 85% FTE.
- Similar reductions may apply to residents if future code allows for this.

Scratch-off Daily Permits

- Limit of 100 (10 books of 10) per address per permit year.
- If you do not have a standard Zone N or G permit you will not be able to purchase scratch-off daily permits.

Permit fee increase

- Increase annual fee to \$140 per permit from \$70 per permit for 2016-17.
- Followed by additional annual fee increases to \$210 and \$300 for 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively.

FAQ

What if I don't have a permit but I'd like to buy one in May?

If you are in permit Zone N, in order to purchase a permit May 2016 you must have a permit from the previous permit cycle ending April 30, 2016. Zone G permits don't have this requirement.

I currently don't have a Zone N permit – may I purchase one before the April 30 2016 deadline?

Yes, you may purchase one at a discounted rate. But it must be purchased prior to April 30, 2016 to remain eligible for purchasing a permit the next permit cycle.

I currently have a Zone N permit – what happens if I don't buy one during the next permit cycle.

If you currently have a Zone N permit, and you don't purchase a permit during the next permit cycle, you forfeit the ability to purchase Zone N permits in the future.

Who can buy a permit?

Employees or residents with supporting documentation, that work or live in the district.

Will I continue to be able to park in either zone N or G regardless of the permit I hold?

Yes permits for Zones N and G may park in either zone N or G.

My company has Zone N permits and we're relocating to a new building within Zone N. Can I still buy permits next year at a new location?

No. Permits are issued to a business based on address. If you are in Zone N and you move to another location within Zone N any time after May 2016 you will not be issued another Zone N permit. The same is true for residents that move. However, since Zone G is not part of the "Grandfathering" process if you move from a Zone N to a Zone G location you can be issued a Zone G permit.

I am a tenant in Zone N and my building was sold. Can I still buy permits next year if I'm at the same location?

Yes. Permits are issued to a businesses and residents based on address. If you are in Zone N, at the same address and have a permit from the previous year; you may purchase a Zone N permit

How many years will Zone N and Zone G be available for purchase?

Although there is no sunset date for either zone it is anticipated there will be substantially reduced parking available for permits beyond five years. The TPAC, PBOT and CEIC will review the permit system annually to determine what actions will be necessary to address parking needs district wide including the possibility of sunsetting the permit system.

In the past I could purchase a permit for every employee, why are you only issuing 85% FTE (Full Time Employees) with the next permit cycle in May 2016?

Data and survey information from 2015 for Zones N and G, indicate we issued 125% permits based on the number of available permit stalls. Even at 85% we are still exceeding the number of permits compared to available stalls. Reducing permit issuance is the first step to balance the permit system. Similar reductions may apply to residents if future code allows for this.

Why have you doubled the permit fee from \$70 to \$140 annually?

Increasing the permit fee, reducing the number of permits issued and “Grandfathering” Zone N are all intended to balance the system. Even at \$140 per year the cost is relatively minor compared to a transit pass or paid private parking.

Sounds complicated?

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