

Draft On-street Parking Policy

Community Consultation – June 2024

Information About the Proposed Changes

Why is the Council reviewing its On-street Parking Policy?

The Council endorsed its On-street Parking Policy in 2021. This consultation forms part of a periodic review of the policy and provides an opportunity for interested citizens to make a submission on the proposed changes. The key changes proposed are outlined below.

What changes to the policy are being proposed?

Visitor Parking Permits – Eligibility Criteria

The Council recently announced that visitor permits would be issued as a booklet of permits and that a four-hour time limit, which has been specified in the policy since 2021, would be actively enforced from July 2024. However, this change has been placed on hold to allow residents with an opportunity to provide suggestions for how the Council should administer visitor parking permits in a more convenient manner. Some options include, but are not limited to:

- maintaining the current system (*ie. issuing up to two visitor permits per eligible residential property and no enforcement of any time limits*);
- maintaining the current system but reducing the number of visitor permits to one permit per eligible residential property;
- introducing visitor permit booklets with a cap per year of 50 or 100 permits (or issuing permit booklets with no cap) and enforcing four hour time limits for each permit or;
- issuing up to two visitor permits per eligible residential property (as per the current system) and enforcing four hour time limits during the day, allowing permit holders to park between 7:00pm and 7:00am the next day, without restriction or any time limits.

The options set out above are aimed at providing all permit holders with more access to On-street parking spaces located in time restricted parking areas and Resident Only Parking Zones and to stop visitor permits being used as 'defacto' residential parking permits.

In the meantime, the process for issuing residential visitor permits for the 2024 - 2025 financial year will remain unchanged.

Parking Precincts and Priority of Use

It is proposed to expand opportunities for the provision of short-term parking adjacent to arterial roads to cater for customers to local businesses and services, by allowing for the provision of short-term parking controls up to 100 metres from arterial roads, subject to consultation with local residents and other stakeholders.

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When Intervention is needed – Occupancy Rates

The draft policy clarifies that where the occupancy of On-street parking spaces in a street is below 85%, the implementation of new On-street parking controls will generally not be considered.

The draft policy also specifies that average occupancy rates and other considerations, such as walkability, will be considered by the Council when the implementation of parking controls are being investigated. This approach will allow more tailored implementation of parking controls in streets, for example, where new parking controls may be needed at one end of the street due to high occupancy of On-street parking spaces, but may not be needed at the other end of the street, due to low occupancy rates.

Residential Parking Permits – Multi-Dwelling Developments

Under the current policy, residents of all multi-dwelling developments are not eligible for Residential Permits. However, this aspect of the current policy is considered to have unreasonable and inequitable impacts on many existing residents of multi-dwelling developments, who have no access to off-street parking on their premises and have historically been issued with Residential Permits.

To address this unintended consequence, it is proposed to amend the eligibility criteria for Residential Permits to state that permits will not be issued to residents or owners of dwellings within multi-dwelling developments that are provided with off-street car parking facilities and which were constructed for occupation after 1 November 2021. This date has been chosen because it is the date on which the On-street Parking Policy was first adopted by the Council and because new developments constructed under current planning and zoning requirements are required to provide sufficient off-street parking to cater for their occupants and visitors.

Residential Parking Permits – Time Limited Parking Areas

The current wording in the policy states that Residential Permits cannot be used in time limited parking areas of less than two-hour duration, whereas historically, Residential Permits have been used by eligible residents to park in one-hour time limited parking areas.

It is proposed to amend the policy to allow residents who have been issued with Residential Permits, to park in one-hour time limited parking areas.

Residential Parking Permits – Other Eligibility Criteria

The following key changes are proposed to the eligibility criteria for Residential Permits:

- allowing eligible residents to access an additional and transferable Residential Permit on application, where extenuating circumstances apply, such as a proven significant medical need;
- that permits only be available for registered/roadworthy motor vehicles and not available for buses, trucks, motorcycles, scooters, motor homes, boats, trailers, caravans or the like;
- that permit/s will not be issued if parking spaces could reasonably be provided on the applicant's residential property. This includes, for example, where a garage, carport or other space that could reasonably be used as an off-street parking space has been converted to an alternative use or is being used for the storage of items other than a registered motor vehicle and
- that permits cannot be used to park a vehicle on The Parade, Norwood.

Residential Parking Permits – Time Limit for Vehicles

The conditions of use for Residential Permits do not currently include any requirements for permit holders to move their vehicles on a regular basis. Occasionally, the Council receives complaints about vehicles being parked On-street for extended periods of time due to their poor visual condition. To address this issue, it is proposed that vehicles must be moved every seven days for a minimum distance of four On-street parking spaces.

The suggested imposition of a time limit restriction aims to strike a reasonable balance between retaining convenience for permit holders, whilst at the same time enabling the Council's staff to take enforcement action and revoke permits or issue expiations to citizens who ignore repeated requests to regularly move their vehicles.

Temporary Parking Permits

It is proposed to introduce a new category of parking permits, to be known as *temporary parking permits*, aimed at providing convenience for the delivery of materials to residential construction sites and for tradespeople to have faster convenient access to their vehicle to access tools and materials.

Narrow Streets

The Council frequently receives complaints about narrow streets, typically about there being inadequate space to pass parked vehicles, blocking of driveways, lack of space to present bins for waste collection and accessibility difficulties for waste collection trucks and emergency service vehicles.

A staged and more collaborative approach to managing On-street parking in narrow streets is proposed. This will require the Council to engage with the local residents and address On-street parking issues in narrow streets via:

- **notification** of the parking and access issues;
- **education** of the Australian Road Rules (ARR) requirements. This may include actions such as the installation of advisory signs along the street to highlight the narrowness and discourage parking opposite other vehicles and/or the distribution of educative material to local residents;
- **enforcement** of the ARR requirements. This may include actions such as proactive and regular enforcement of illegal parking; and
- **restricting** parking opportunities. If education and enforcement are ineffective, there may be need to implement new or alter existing parking controls to improve accessibility, subject to consultation with affected residents and other stakeholders; and
- ongoing monitoring and communication as may be required.

How can I make a submission on the proposed changes?

Complete the comments form online using the link below, or email: townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au.

https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/our_community/community_consultation

Provide your comments by 5.00pm, Monday 8 July 2024.

Who can I contact to discuss the draft On-street Parking Policy?

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