

CITY OF LOS ANGELES PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM

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PURPOSE

- Limit intrusion of non-resident vehicles into residential area
- Encourage car pooling and use of transit
- Enhance quality of life in neighborhood
 - ◆ Reduce noise
 - ◆ Reduce traffic hazards
 - ◆ Reduce litter
- Achieve purpose with minimum impact on adjacent businesses



WHAT IS PREFERENTIAL PARKING?

- Program adopted by City Council intended to provide parking relief to residents
- Residents include homeowners and renters
- Only residential areas allowed
- Parking restrictions that limit parking duration are posted
- Residents can purchase permits to be exempted from posted restrictions
- Signs are only posted on blocks with 2/3 majority petition



ADVANTAGES

- Only residents with permits are exempt from signs
- Probability of finding a parking space is better
- Permits can be used with “No Parking” restrictions to keep out undesirable elements
- Permit cost is less than cost of parking ticket
- Less chance of having driveway blocked, trash cans moved, or late night noise problems
- Increased enforcement by LADOT



DISADVANTAGES

- Residents must pay for permits to be exempt from very restrictive signs
- Inconvenient for visitors
- Inconvenient for workers (gardeners, poolmen, nannies, contractors, tutors, etc...)
- Must purchase guest permits for party guests
- Increased enforcement by LADOT
- Inconvenience of purchasing permits at one of three permit sales center citywide

HOW DO I GET A PARKING DISTRICT?

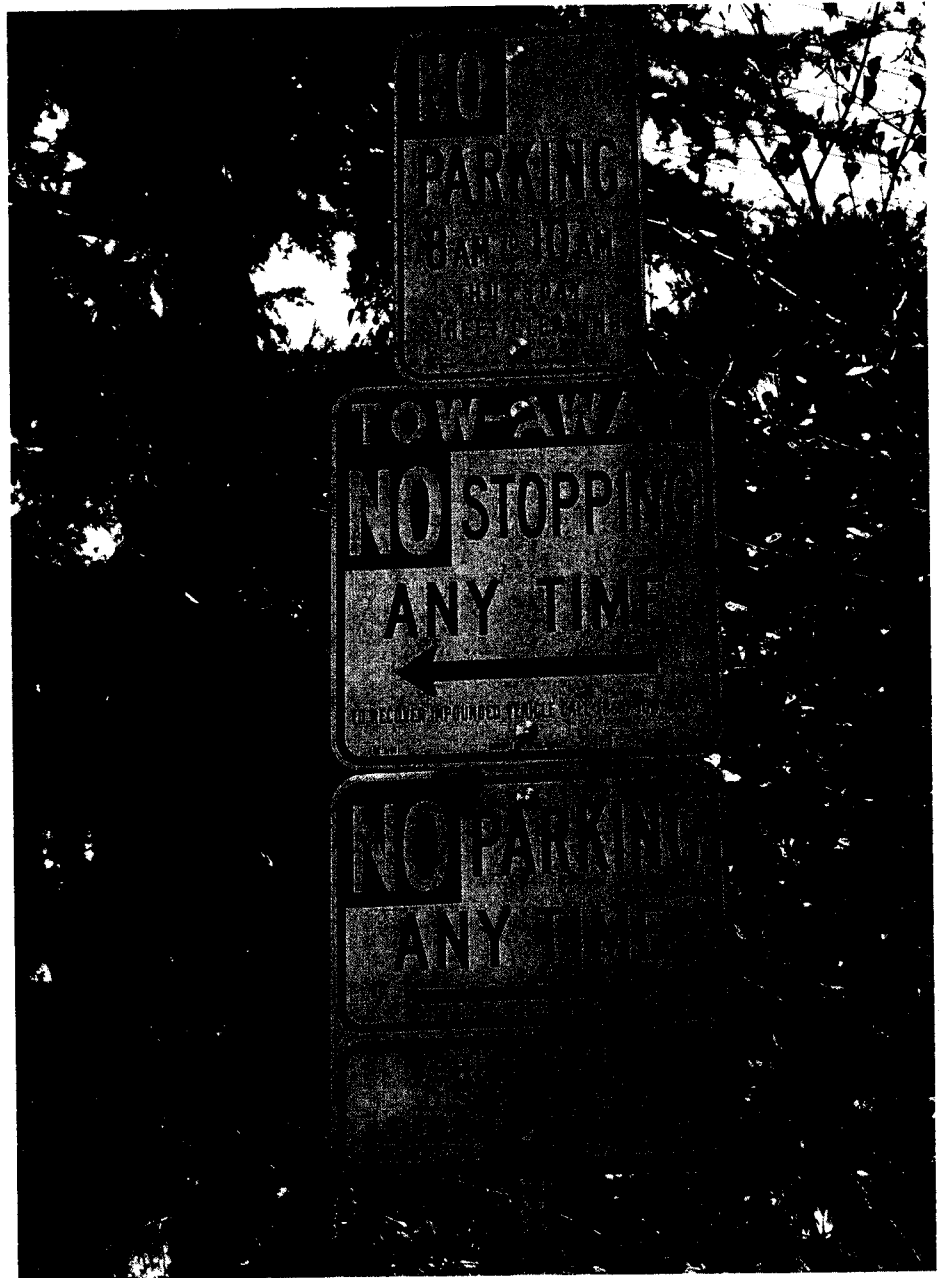
- Approval process defined by City Council's Rules for Preferential Parking (LAMC Sec. 80.58)
 1. Formal request by Neighborhood Council, Homeowners' Assoc., or Councilmember
 2. Informal meeting to identify parking problem, discuss available alternatives
 3. Petitions from 6 blocks, 2/3 of dwelling units, 50% of frontage
 4. Parking study validating parking problem (75% spaces occupied, 25% by non-residents)

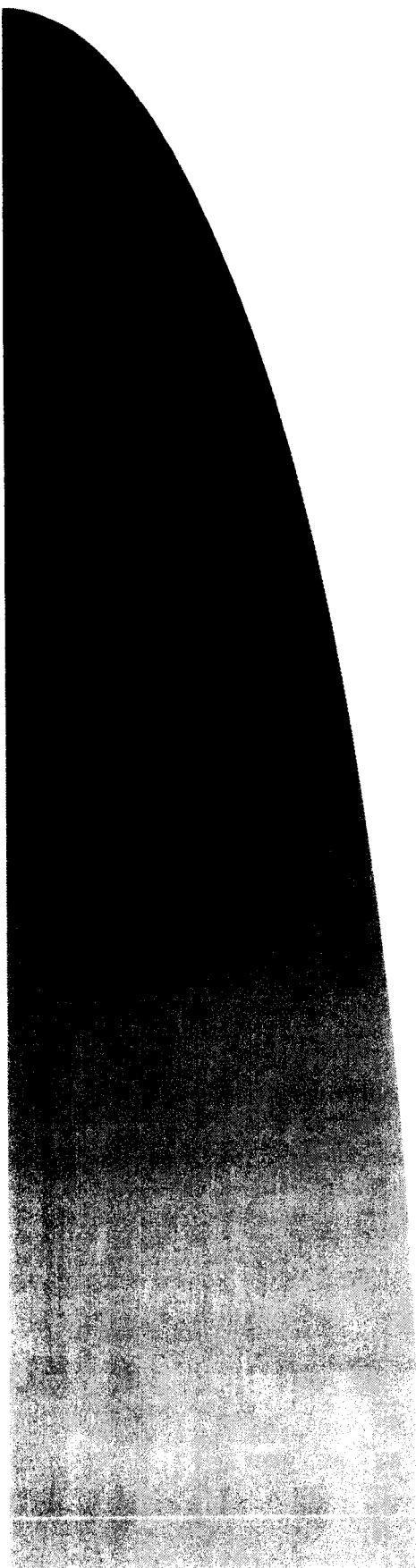


GETTING A DISTRICT (cont'd.)

5. CEQA Environmental Analysis
6. Public Hearing
7. Public Comment period
8. Report and recommendations prepared by LADOT
9. Report approved by Transportation Committee of City Council, then by full Council
10. Notice of Determination filed. Residential notices sent out, signs posted, permits go on sale

PREFERENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS





VEHICLES WITH PERMITS EXEMPTED

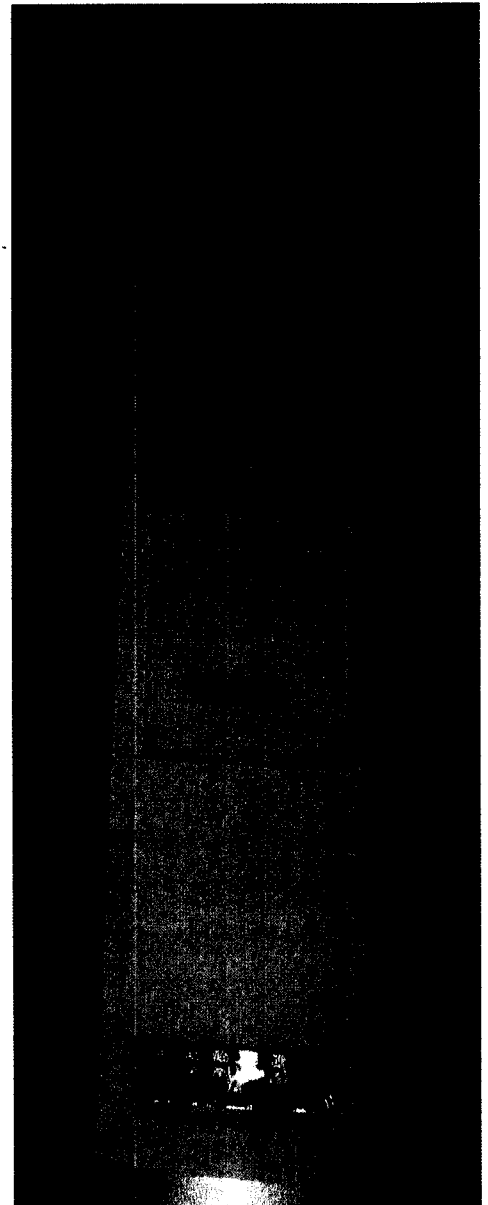
- Residents must purchase permits for the privilege to be exempt from posted parking restrictions
- Anyone living within the District is eligible to purchase permits
- Three types of permits
 - ◆ Annual
 - ◆ Visitor
 - ◆ Guest
- Permits are district specific
- Non-transferrable, misuse will result in revocation
- Schools and churches are eligible to purchase Visitor permits

ANNUAL PERMIT

- Good for one year
- Maximum of 3 per household
- Can be used anywhere in the district
- Sticker affixed to specific car
- Currently \$15

VISITOR PERMIT

- Intended for regular visitors or can be used for excess vehicles
- Good for 4 months
- 2 max. per household
- Good only on block that resident lives on
- Hangtag
- Currently \$10
- Used by schools and churches



GUEST PERMIT

- For home workers or special events, such as contractors, party guests, etc.
- No limit on quantity
- For use anywhere in district
- For use on dashboard
- Currently \$1/veh/day
- Can be purchased through the mail



CHANGES TO EXISTING DISTRICT

- Additional blocks within district can petition for signs on block by block basis (“Fill-In”)
- District can be expanded by at least four blocks based on petition request (“Expansion”)
- Posted restrictions can be modified, choosing **only** from Council approved list of restrictions for that district
- Parking restrictions can be removed on any block, based on petition



TEMPORARY DISTRICTS

- Special “Temporary Districts” are also available to Councilmembers to provide immediate relief to urgent, temporary parking problem for which there is no other immediate remedy
- Maximum of 5 blocks
- No parking study, no environmental analysis, no public hearing required
- Good for one year, renewable on annual basis by City Council
- May be terminated at any time

PREFERENTIAL PARKING TODAY

- Currently about 70 permanent districts and 30 temporary districts
- No permanent district has ever been eliminated
- Permit fees due for increase
- Permit fees only cover 47% of operating costs (not a money maker)
- LADOT staff eliminated



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