

Residential Parking Permit Fee Changes Frequently Asked Questions

What are the proposed changes to Residential Parking Permit Fees?

The proposed changes are:

- removing the fee for the first Residential Parking Permit, currently \$45 (\$30 concession rate)
- removing the fee for Motorcycle or Motor Scooter Resident Parking Permits
- removing the \$20 admin fee charged for the replacement of the first Residential Parking Permit and Motorcycle or Motor Scooter Resident Parking Permits

On 10 October 2017 Council resolved to receive a report outlining the implications of and options for removing the fee for the first Residential Parking Permit.

Council resolved at its Operations and Community Services Committee meeting on 7 November 2017 to amend and place on public exhibition the Residential Parking Permit Fees category (Section: residential parking permits) of the Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2017–18.

Following a 28 day public exhibition period ending on 6 December 2017, a further report will be submitted to the 12 December 2017 Council meeting. This report will include community submissions received during the public exhibition period.

How can I provide my feedback?

Members of the public are invited to provide comment on the draft Residential Parking Permit Fees category of the Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2017–18. Copies of the proposed amendments to the Residential Parking Permit Fees are available online at haveyoursaywaverley.com.au or can be obtained in hard copy from Council's Customer Service Centre, 55 Spring St, Bondi Junction.

Submissions should be lodged through haveyoursaywaverley.com.au or emailed to ipr@waverley.nsw.gov.au. In accordance with the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 all submissions received will be available for public viewing upon request.

Submissions close on Wednesday, 6 December 2017 at 5.00 pm.

Will this make it more difficult for me to park in my street?

The eligibility criteria for Residential Parking Permits has not changed so it is not expected that there will be a significant increase in the number of permits issued after removal of the fee.

The application process will not change so only residents who are currently eligible for a first Residential Parking Permit will be eligible for a free permit.

Can I get a refund if I have already purchased a permit?

No, Council will not refund the cost of permits purchased prior to the approval date should be proposed removal of the fee for first Residential Parking Permits be approved.

Should the proposed removal of the fee for first Residential Parking Permit be approved, it is not expected that Council will approve the refund of permits purchased prior to the amendment date.

As with all Financial Year changes to Council's Fees & Charges there is a period of public exhibition and refunds are not approved after implementation of the changes.

Why does it only affect the first permit and not the others?

The resolution passed by Council is to investigate the removal of the fee for the first Residential Parking Permit only. The amendment to the Fees & Charges will benefit residents who reside in a Residential Parking Scheme (RPS) area and who require a permit for their primary vehicle.

What if I have a garage?

The criteria for properties with an off-street parking space will not change. The applicant will still need to provide the registration for the vehicle occupying the space and then be eligible to apply for a Residential Parking Permit at the second permit cost.

What is the cost to ratepayers?

There is no additional cost to ratepayers. The revenue impact of removing the fee for the first Residential Parking Permit is approximately \$204,000 in the 2017/18 Financial Year.

Should the proposed removal of the fee for the first Residential Parking Permit be approved by Council at its 12 December meeting, the impact on the 2017/18 budget would be approximately \$100,000 as residents who have already purchased a permit would be unlikely to qualify for a refund.

If the proposal is approved, an amendment will need to be made to the 2017–18 Budget. It is expected that a smaller amount could be allocated to the Parking Meter Reserve to cover the shortfall in the 2017–18 Budget.

The impact of the proposed changes to fees to the Operational Budget for future years and the Long Term Financial Plan will need to be included as part of the annual budget review process with relevant savings identified.

Are there any other changes to Parking Fees?

At this stage, the only fee that is being placed on public exhibition is the fee for the first residential parking permit.

At its meeting on 10 October 2017, Council also resolved to investigate the following changes to parking fees:

- Removing of the first hour fee for parking in Eastgate car park (pending negotiations with the adjacent shopping centre owner)
- Removing the fee for residents' beach permits
- Turning off meters in Bondi Beach at 7 pm and Bondi Junction at 6 pm daily, year-round

Council Officers are currently investigating the possible benefits and impacts of the proposed changes and a report will be submitted to Council which will include:

- timing of potential changes
- increased inflow and increased movement
- resource and financial implications
- benefits to residential amenity
- impacts on the future operation of the respective parking systems