

# Supplemental Budget Information – Item 13

## **Question:**

If the City were to charge for residential parking permits, what would the budget impact be of having the first permit be free and the first two permits be free? What are some comparable California cities charging for residential parking permits?

## **Response:**

If the City were to charge for residential parking permits based on full cost recovery with a reduced price for low-income residents, the permits would have an annual cost of \$120 for standard permits and \$60 for low-income resident permits. This would generate budget savings of approximately \$960k in FY27 and \$1.5M in annual ongoing savings (the charges for permits would go into effect at renewal and permits will renew throughout FY27).

The first permit free option would allow one free primary permit per address (excluding visitor permits). The standard permit cost for all additional primary and visitor permits would be \$120 annually and the low-income resident permit cost would be \$60 annually. This would generate budget savings of approximately \$743k in FY27 and \$1.1M in annual ongoing savings.

The first two permits free option would allow two free primary permits per address (excluding visitor permits). The standard permit cost for all additional primary and visitor permits would be \$120 annually and the low-income resident permit cost would be \$60 annually. This would generate budget savings of approximately \$598k in FY27 and \$0.9M in annual ongoing savings.

<b>Option</b>	<b>FY 27 Savings (millions)</b>	<b>Annual Ongoing Savings (millions)</b>
Proposed Budget – No charge	\$-	\$-
Cost Recovery	\$0.96	\$1.5
First Permit Free	\$0.74	\$1.1
First 2 Permits Free	\$0.60	\$0.9

Public Works staff also researched residential parking permit programs in other cities:

### Multi-City Residential Permit Parking Fee Comparison

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Population	City	Annual Permit Fee	Visitor Permits	Notes
Larger Cities (>900k)	Los Angeles	\$34	\$22.50	
	San Jose	\$0-29	\$0-29	Bi-annual permit, 6 of their 22 zones are free
	San Diego	\$12	\$9	
Similar Cities (300-900k)	San Francisco	\$215	\$155	
	Fresno	\$80	n/a	
	Oakland	\$84-162	\$27-52	Visitor permit only valid for 14 days
	Long Beach	\$34	\$34	
	Riverside	\$64 per month	n/a	
	Santa Ana	\$89	\$89	Bi-annual permit
	Anaheim	\$30	n/a	Bi-annual permit
	Irvine	\$95	\$40	
Smaller Cities (<300k)	West Sacramento	\$150 per month	\$150 monthly	
	Pasadena	\$13	13	
	Santa Cruz	\$30	\$30	
	Capitola	\$25	\$25	
	Davis	\$16	\$16	
	Berkeley	\$85	\$44	Visitor permit only valid for 14 days
	Burbank	\$26	\$26	
	Inglewood	\$0-100	n/a	First 2 permits free, then \$100
	Los Gatos	\$52-112	\$0	Tiered pricing 1st permit is \$52
	Costa Mesa	\$25-100	n/a	Tiered pricing 1st permit is \$25
	Campbell	\$45	\$0	
	Walnut Creek	\$35	\$35	
	Beverly Hills	\$129	\$129	
	Santa Monica	\$40-144	\$70	Tiered pricing 1st permit is \$40
	Glendale	\$25	\$25	
Chico	\$31	\$22.50		
Santa Clara	\$34	\$34		

Cities with RPP programs not currently charging	Sacramento
	San Mateo
	Redwood City
	Bakersfield