

**BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE #2022-5

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 282 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PALISADES
PARK ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended as follows and that those portions of the Ordinance not set forth below shall remain unchanged:

Ch. 282 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

Sec. 282-44.1 Restrictions on Parking.

No person shall park a vehicle upon any of the streets within the Borough of Palisades Park during the applicable days and hours of restrictions set forth herein unless the vehicle is owned or operated on a regular basis by a Palisades Park resident and the vehicle has a current residential parking permit between the hours of 12 a.m., and 9 a.m., Sunday through Friday, except legal holidays, with the following listed exceptions:

Bergen Boulevard, Grand Avenue, Fairview Street, Union Street and Fair Street.

Commercial Avenue from its intersection with West Central Boulevard northerly to its terminus.

East Columbia Avenue from Broad Avenue to Roff Avenue.

West Ruby Avenue from Grand Avenue to its terminus.

West Palisades Boulevard from Grand Avenue westerly to its terminus.

West Edsall Boulevard from Commercial Avenue westerly to its terminus.

§ 282-44.2 Regulations not exclusive.

A. The provisions of this article imposing a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person of the duty to observe other more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting stopping, standing or parking as set forth in N.J.S.A. 39:4-138 or any other municipal parking ordinances.

B. The creation of a residential parking permit shall have no effect upon meter parking spaces or business parking areas. Parking-metered spaces shall be available to all vehicles, with or without a residential permit. A residential parking permit shall not exempt a resident when parked in a metered space from purchasing time from the meter at the established rate, except as set forth herein.

§ 282-44.3 Enforcement.

This article shall be enforced by the Traffic Department of the Borough of Palisades Park. Enforcement of this article may also be enforced by any civilian employee(s) known as "Traffic Enforcement Officers" appointed by the Mayor and Council.

§ 282-44.4 Rules and regulations.

The following rules and regulations shall apply to the Borough of Palisades Park Resident Parking Program:

A. A resident owner of a vehicle shall be eligible for a parking permit pursuant to the following requirements: The vehicle must be owned by a person residing in the Borough of Palisades Park and have a gross weight of no more than 2.5 tons.

B. Proof of residency of the owner of a vehicle must be presented when applying for a permit. The following shall be accepted as proof of residency:

(1) A copy of a valid New Jersey driver's license reflecting the applicant's residence in the Borough of Palisades Park accompanied by two proofs of residency (e.g., phone, United Water, PSE&G); and

(2) A copy of a valid New Jersey motor vehicle registration for the vehicle for which the permit is sought, reflecting the applicant's address in the Borough of Palisades Park. In the case of a vehicle claimed to be leased and used by a Palisades Park resident, a copy of a valid motor vehicle registration and a copy of the automobile lease agreement shall be presented to the Police Department.

(3) A copy of a valid insurance card for the vehicle for which the permit is sought.

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A resident having complied with Section B shall pay a fee of up to \$20 per vehicle for a 3 year residential parking permit from the date of issuance.

(1) Any resident over the age of 65 at the date of their application after complying with section B shall pay a fee up to \$10 for a 3 year residential parking permit from the date of issuance.

a. If a resident prior to age 65 has been issued a permit the senior citizen permit discount shall not apply until the permit period has expired.

Visitor permits.

A. The Borough of Palisades Park shall have the authority to issue a temporary parking permit to parties visiting a resident of the Borough. Visitor passes will be available for purchase daily for a cost up to \$15, and monthly for a cost up to \$300. Daily Visitor passes can only be purchased by the same vehicle a maximum of ten times in any calendar month period.

§ 282-44.5 Visitor passes.

Visitor passes shall be available for purchase to any visitor who meets one of the following qualifications:

A. Are in need of parking on residential streets during designated residential parking permit hours of Monday through Friday 12 am – 9 am; except during legal holidays.

B. Visitor passes shall be available for purchase via a link in the borough's website, MyPalisadesPark.com or in person at the Borough Hall in daily and monthly increments. The price of visitor passes shall be up to \$15 for a daily pass, and up to \$300 for a monthly pass.

C. Visitor passes will be monitored electronically using a license plate recognition system and any vehicle that is found to be in violation of residential parking permit hours will be issued a ticket.

§ 282-44.6 Use of visitor passes.

A. The presumption shall be that any vehicle parked more than three city blocks from the household for which the visitor pass has been issued shall not be visiting such household and shall be subject to violations and penalties set forth in § 282-44.10 of this article.

§ 282-44.7 Exceptions to visitor pass requirements.

A "visitor" shall also be defined as follows:

A. Contractor/services and delivery vehicles. Contractor, services and delivery vehicles bearing the name and address of the commercial vehicle may park without a permit during the times they are rendering a service within the Borough.

B. Emergency and utility vehicles. Emergency vehicles and utility vehicles, such as gas, electric, water, telecommunications and other similar vehicles, may park without a permit during the times they are rendering services within the Borough.

C. Health-care providers. Doctors, nurses, home health aides or other medical professionals may park their vehicles within the Borough during the times that they are rendering assistance and/or health care service to the residents of the Borough.

D. Nonresident property owners of Palisades Park. Any nonresident property owner of Palisades Park may park his or her vehicles within the Borough during the times he or she are at the property owned by him or her.

§ 282-44.8 Abuse of visitor pass.

Any abuse in the use of a visitor pass will result in its revocation in the following circumstances:

A. When any such pass is used on any vehicle owned and controlled by a resident.

§ 282-44.9 Terms of permits.

[Amended 3-28-2017 by Ord. No. 2017-3]

Resident permits will have a predetermined expiration date, and an expectancy not to exceed three years. Any vehicle bearing an expired resident permit and parked on a street posted "Permit Parking Only" shall be subject to the same penalty as a vehicle parked on the street without a resident parking permit.

§ 282-44.10 Violations and penalties.

A. Any vehicle parked on a street posted "Permit Parking Only" without a valid resident permit or visitor pass shall be subject to a parking fine not to exceed \$50 for each three-hour period or a portion thereof of a twenty-four-hour period that said vehicle is parked in violation of this article.

B. Any vehicle violating this article shall be subject to towing by the Borough of Palisades Park and shall not be released until the payment of the appropriate charges.

§ 282-44.11 Promulgation of rules and regulations.

The Traffic Department shall have the authority to formulate and promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to this article as it deems necessary and proper. The Traffic Department shall provide copies of any regulations adopted under this article to the Borough Clerk's office within 30 days of their adoption, and the Borough Clerk shall present same to the governing body for its approval. The Traffic Department and Traffic Enforcement Officers shall be entitled, in their discretion, to verify any information appropriate to the enforcement of this article. The Traffic Department shall have the power to issue summonses for violation of the article.

§ 282-44.12 Residents on Broad Avenue and Columbia Avenue.

Persons residing on Broad Avenue or on lots contiguous to Broad Avenue and persons residing on Columbia Avenue which residence are in front of metered parking shall have issued a separate residential parking permit.

§ 282-44.13 Special parking permit.

Persons issued a special residential parking permit declaring their residence to be on Broad Avenue or on lots contiguous to Broad Avenue and persons residing on Columbia Avenue which residences are in front of metered parking shall be allowed to park their vehicles in accordance with these regulations at needed spaces on Broad Avenue from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and be exempt from purchasing time from the meter at the established rate.

§ 282-44.14 Application for parking permits.

Applications for parking permits shall be made on forms provided by the Traffic Department and submitted to the Traffic Department from website portal located on Borough's website.

If any section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confirmed in its effect to the section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy which such judgment shall be rendered.

All Ordinances of the Borough of Palisades Park which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Attest:



Gina S. Kim, Borough Clerk

Approved:



Christopher J. Chung, Mayor

First Reading: June 29, 2022

Second Reading: July 25, 2022