



Kilmarnock permit parking scheme

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Frequently asked questions

Q1 Why do we need a resident parking scheme and at what times would it operate?

Permit parking schemes are designed to regulate parking using restrictions to remove unnecessary commuter parking whilst keeping inconvenience to local residents and businesses to a minimum.

Permit parking would be in operation Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm. Residents and businesses wishing to park on street during these times would be required to purchase and display a valid permit.

Q2 My property has a driveway or a private parking space. Will I still need to purchase a parking permit?

No, permit parking schemes only cover the public road, while driveways are private parking spaces. Residents and business owners would therefore be entitled to park their vehicles on their driveways or within private parking spaces without having to purchase a parking permit. Should a visitor's vehicle not be accommodated within your drive or private parking space, they will have to purchase/display a visitors permit to park on street.

Q3 Surely I have a right to park outside my own property for free?

Only if that area is private property, otherwise no. The road outside most properties forms part of the public road and as such can be used by anyone.

Q4 How much do permits cost?

Resident Permits can only be purchased by residents living within the scheme area. Resident permits will be priced at £25 per annum. To provide added flexibility for residents the first issued permit will be permitted to carry two registration numbers. Subsequently issued permits would be issued for a single vehicle. The maximum number of permits per postal address that can be purchased at this time is three. Vehicles must be kept at the applicant's address.

Visitor permits can be purchased and will not be specific to any vehicle and therefore can be used for any visitor's car. Visitor permits will be available in the form of scratch cards as follows:

£10 per book of 25 full day permits (max. of 4 books per year)

While the Council would like to be able to offer more permits for visitors, the aim of the scheme is to give residents priority in terms of parking in the area.

Q5 Why do you have to pay for permits and what does the money go towards?

The intention of a permit parking scheme is to afford residents and businesses some priority to park outside their own property. The cost of the permit covers an administration fee relating to the processing of applications and contributes to the implementation, maintenance and enforcement costs of the scheme.

Q6 How will I know if I need to display a permit to park on my street?

The periods when permits would be needed are shown on parking signs within each area:

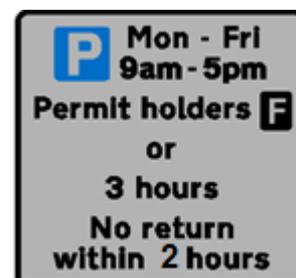
The sign shown opposite indicates that:

Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00am - 5.00pm, a permit is required to park. Outside these periods, a permit is not required to park.



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Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00am - 5.00pm, a permit is required to park in the area **or** it is possible for anyone to park between these hours for up to 3 hours, but cannot return for 2 hours.



The sign shown opposite is a zone boundary sign designating the entrance to a parking area.

The sign indicates that:

Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00am - 5.00pm, a permit is required to park in the area beyond the sign.



Where other restrictions apply in the area, such as yellow lines, the usual regulations will apply regardless of whether a vehicle is displaying a permit. Appropriate signs will also be displayed to inform drivers when they are exiting the permit area. Each area will have a unique permit reference (shown as E in example).

Q8 I support the scheme but do we have to have the signs associated with it?

The signs associated with parking schemes are intended to offer a clear indication to road users of the type of restriction in operation in that area. The signs at each parking bay are required to make the restriction legal and enforceable in accordance with relevant legislation. Care will be taken to position signs sympathetically, whilst obeying rules governing sign location and enforcement.

Q9 I operate a business in the area and need to be able to park near my premises?

Business permits are available to businesses operating within a permit scheme area. Numbers available are to be unrestricted and will cost £300 per year. Businesses will need to demonstrate that the vehicle for which a permit is sought is actively engaged in the operation of the business.

Q10 Will vehicles making deliveries and tradesmen working at my property need to display visitors' permits?

All parking restrictions allow for the loading and unloading of goods for short periods. Tradesmen, however, would be required to display visitor permits if parked within the permit parking areas. If you need to carry out larger scale building works that may take some time, the Council could suspend an area of parking for you so that you do not need to use visitors' permits.

Q11 How will the scheme be enforced once it is up and running?

As parking enforcement within East Ayrshire is decriminalised, the scheme would be enforced by East Ayrshire Council employed Parking Attendants. Any vehicles not displaying a valid permit within the restricted hours could be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (a parking ticket).

Q12 What are the next steps for the Council if a majority of residents wish to have a permit parking scheme in their area?

The Council would commence the statutory consultation processes required to promote the Traffic Regulation order to introduce the scheme.

Q13 When will the parking scheme come into operation?

The time taken to implement a scheme is dependent on the statutory advertising period for the legal orders. If objections to the scheme are received, it may be necessary to take the scheme to a Council Committee where elected members would consider any objections. Should the scheme go ahead a 'letter of operation' will be distributed to those properties affected by the proposals informing the occupiers of a start date.

Q14 Can my street opt out?

It is not practical or fair to allow individual streets to opt out. The impact on a street where parking is unrestricted in a neighbourhood where all other streets are in a scheme would be severe. E.g Anyone that wanted to park in the area without a permit would try to park on that one street, making it impossible for residents.

Q15 Can I stop a scheme happening in my area?

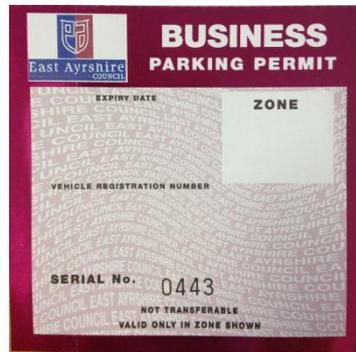
If you do not want a scheme to go ahead in your area, initially your views should be recorded within the associated questionnaire. If the scheme is continued following a majority return in favour of a scheme then you can object to the statutory advertisement of the final proposals. All objections must be considered before a decision to proceed can be made.

Q16 What will the Resident / Business permits and visitor permits look like?

Sample residents permit



Sample Business permit



Sample visitor permit



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