

Bylaw & Regulatory Services

Parking Permits & Fee Increases

**Presentation to General Committee
April 19, 2022**



Purpose

- To review proposed changes to parking fees
- To obtain approval for:
 - an increase in the fee for monthly parking permits
 - implementation of new fee for overnight parking
- To review the current situation with respect to extended driveway parking enforcement



Background

- Budget Committee presentation in December 2021
- Staff reviewed potential parking initiatives to update fees and address issues related to parking on extended driveways
- After discussion, Budget Committee requested the matter be deferred and asked Staff to report back in April 2022
- This presentation provides information on those items:
 - Fee increases for overnight monthly parking permits
 - New fee for overnight/visitor parking permits
 - Review of issues related to extended driveway enforcement

Overnight Monthly Parking Permits – Current State

- Overnight Monthly Permits currently have a fee of \$55.00 plus HST. This fee was last updated January 1, 2020.
- Approximately 100 streets have permit sales, but 220 streets are approved for permits City-wide. Expansion of the Permit System to other streets will be reviewed and may occur as part of the Parking Strategy.
- Permit applications are automated and will have further automation with implementation of the new G-Techna parking solution (May 2022).

Overnight Monthly Parking Permits – Proposed Fee Increase

- Staff are proposing a fee increase of \$5.00, from \$55 to \$60, effective June 1, 2022
- This increase is due to both inflationary increases and better cost recovery for operations
- Volumes and anticipated revenues are shown in the Table below; these will be monitored in-year, and the 2023 budget will be updated accordingly

YEAR	PERMITS SOLD	\$55.00 CURRENT FEE AND REVENUES	PROPOSED \$60 FEE AND TOTAL REVENUES
2020	4,755	\$261,525	
2021	1,740	\$95,700	
2022	3,500	\$192,500	\$210,000

- Expansion of permit sales to additional streets could generate more revenue; however, parking penalty revenue may be reduced as more permits are sold.
- A communications plan will be developed to advise the public of the changes.

All figures are annualized

Charging for Overnight Parking Exemptions – Current State

- Overnight parking exemptions are currently offered at no charge to visitors and homeowners requiring short-term on-street parking.
- Exemptions are required given that some properties do not have off-street parking spaces for visitors.
- Exemptions are intended for short-term visitor parking only and will be fully automated and integrated with new Parking Solution (new system anticipated to be ready in May 2022).
- The City provides exemption permits in cases where a driveway is being repaired/paved, or there is ongoing construction which limits parking for a short period of time
- Anticipated requests for service - 35,000 annually
- Fees will offset operational costs of administration of the program; many municipalities charge a fee for these permits.
- The Table below shows comparator municipalities and the respective fees charged for the same overnight permit.

Municipality	Visitor Overnight Fee
Toronto	\$16.81
Richmond Hill	\$5.00
Vaughan	\$7.00
Newmarket	\$5.00

Charging For Overnight Parking – Proposed New Fee

- Based on fees charged by comparator municipalities, staff are proposing a \$7.00 fee per overnight/visitor permit (including HST) effective September 1, 2022
- The Table below shows the current & proposed revenue model re charging for overnight/visitor parking; exemptions for driveway repairs & special circumstances will continue at no cost

YEAR	HISTORICAL OVERNIGHT EXEMPTION REQUEST VOLUMES	FEE CHARGED FOR OVERNIGHT / VISITOR PARKING	POTENTIAL REVENUES (Annualized)
2020	39,489	\$0	\$0
2021	34,721	\$0	\$0
2022	35,000	\$7.00	\$245,000

- 150-Day implementation timeline is required from date of approval due to system changes
- A communications plan will be developed to advise the public of the changes
- Revenue will be monitored during Q4 2022, and the 2023 budget will be adjusted as appropriate

Extended Driveways – Front-Yard Parking

- Given the feedback from Budget Committee Members, a further review of this initiative was completed by staff.
- Extended driveway parking enforcement presents a number of challenges including but not limited to establishing whether an offence is being committed (distinction between legal and non-legal parking) and the unintended consequence of more vehicles moving to on-street parking.
- Each year, approximately 600 front-yard parking complaints are received and while these complaints are expected to continue, staff are recommending that this initiative form part of future budget discussions. Very few, if any, charges are laid using parking enforcement.
- A Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw review is underway and the future Parking Strategy will provide greater analysis and data on this on-going problem and provide options and solutions.
- Staff are recommending that both those projects and related community consultation be completed prior to enacting any new provisions related to extended driveway parking enforcement
- Staff recommend that consideration of this initiative be deferred.

Recommendations

- That the presentation entitled “Parking Permits and Fee Increases” be received;
- That the fee increase to \$60.00/month for overnight monthly parking permits be approved, effective June 1, 2022;
- That the proposed new fee of \$7.00 for overnight parking be approved, effective September 1, 2022; and
- That Staff be authorized to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.



Questions

