

## Parking Passes — *(Clarification to previously provided fact sheet)*

**Parking Passes:** The City currently charges \$25 per year for a residential parking pass, and \$8 for each book of 15 daily passes. Parking permits for certain construction/service-type vehicles are also offered.

### Background

Residents who live on permit-restricted parking streets may purchase annual parking passes for \$25 and books of 15 daily guest permits for \$8. The price of an annual permit was last increased in 1998 (from \$10) and the price of a daily permit book was last increased in 2009 (from \$5).

The following table outlines the number of these permits sold in 2014 and the revenue from each:

	<b>Annual Parking Permit</b>	<b>Daily Permit Book (15 passes)</b>
Cost of permit	\$25	\$8
Total purchased	186,000	235,000
Revenue	\$4.7M	\$1.9M

As a general rule, the Code prohibits persons from parking trucks and vans on residential streets. However, in order to enable residents who own smaller trucks or vans (weighing under 8,000 pounds), and who use the vehicle for their personal use only (and not as a commercial vehicle), to park on residential streets, the Code allows such persons to obtain a ‘special parking permit,’ issued by their local alderman. The owner must purchase a regular residential permit when required, but there is no additional fee for a special parking permit, which is available to any city resident who owns a smaller truck or van for personal use only.

In addition, there are two accommodations in the Code for construction- or service-type vehicles:

- As a general rule, the Code prohibits parking commercial vehicles on residential and business streets. However, in order to enable deliverymen, servicemen and repairmen to park near to the destination that they are actively servicing, the Code waives this prohibition if (1) the vehicle is actually being used to perform deliveries, service or repairs at a particular address; (2) the customer’s address is displayed on the vehicle’s dashboard; (3) the vehicle is emblazoned with the business name and license number of its owner; and (4) the vehicle is lawfully parked in conformity with the Code’s general parking regulations. No permit is required to park on a residential or business street under these circumstances. This would apply, for example, to the van of a licensed construction company that is remodeling the kitchen of a home in a neighborhood that requires residential parking permits during the hours the company’s crew is actually working, provided that the van is otherwise parked in conformance with parking laws.
- For certain vehicles<sup>1</sup> that are engaged in construction or service work for which it may be necessary to park on city streets contrary to the general parking regulations of the Code (such as

<sup>1</sup> Only certain types of vehicles are eligible to obtain a special vehicle permit. These include: (1) vehicles used to repair or service buildings or property, where safe and timely performance requires that the vehicle be located next to or near to the site of the repair or service being performed (i.e. trucks used to glaze or board windows); (2) public utility-owned vehicles used to test, repair or service the utility’s apparatus or equipment (i.e. utility equipment on light poles in alleys); (3) vehicles to which equipment used to service or repair buildings or property is permanently affixed (i.e. trucks carrying mounted cranes, mobile cranes, or fuel delivery trucks); and (4) properly licensed armored vehicles.

blocking an alley or double-parking), the Code provides for 'service vehicle permits,' issued by the Chicago Department of Transportation. The cost of a service vehicle permit varies based on location categories, as follows:

<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Entire city, including Central Business District	\$1000 Annual \$100 Monthly \$20 Daily
Outside Central Business District	\$200 Annual \$20 Monthly \$4 Daily

Revenue from the sale of these service vehicle parking permits was \$650,000 in 2014.

### **Revenue Impact**

Assuming no significant changes in parking behavior, increasing the price of an annual parking permit from \$25 to \$40 could increase revenue by \$2.8 million annually. Increasing the price of a daily permit book from \$8 to \$16 could increase revenue by \$1.9 million, for a total increase of \$4.7 million over current revenues.

The idea of having a mid-term permit option, such as a monthly parking permit, has also been raised. The revenue impact of a monthly permit would depend on the price of the permit and the extent to which it is utilized. Such a permit could provide a right-sized option for compliance with residential street parking laws for temporary residents such as students and interns.

### **Legal Authority**

Increasing parking permit fees and offering alternative permit structures and fees is within the City's authority and requires an amendment to the Municipal Code.