



# Affordability

## When we say "affordability," what do we mean?

Considers what people pay for parking permits and how program costs are shared.

### Who pays for the program?

#### Options

#### What that could mean

Costs primarily funded through general City revenues



Permit costs can remain low or free with the program being funded through property taxes, including by people who do not use the Residential Parking Program. This might mean a limited number of parking program areas can exist, while offering a low level of rule enforcement.

Program is funded by people who use it through permit fees



Residents pay to participate in the parking program, reducing reliance on property taxes. This increases costs for participating households, including those with limited alternatives to street parking. This might allow for more parking program areas to be established, modern permitting such as digital options and a high level of rule enforcement.

### Should everyone pay the same?

#### Options

#### What that could mean

All resident permits cost the same



Simple and predictable. Each permit costs the same, households with multiple vehicles pay more in total than a household with one vehicle.

Additional vehicles cost more



Households pay a higher fee for their second or subsequent permits, increasing the total cost for households with multiple vehicles.

Reduced fees or exemptions for qualifying residents



Makes the program more affordable for people with greater financial need. Requires eligibility criteria and additional administration.

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## Jordan's Story: Affordability in Action

Jordan's household has three vehicles and relies on street parking. He wants residential permits to remain affordable and would prefer not to pay significantly more for a second or third vehicle.

### **The trade-off**

Charging the same price for multi-vehicle households is more affordable than a tiered pricing system.

Charging more for additional permits might encourage households to use garages, driveways or other off-street options where available and usable. This could help manage demand but it would increase costs for households like Jordan's.

## As a City, we need to consider ...

How program costs are shared, how permit fees affect households with different incomes and parking needs and whether fee reductions should be available for people in financial need.

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