
RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM (RP3) & RESIDENT PARKING ONLY (RPO)

Plan Commission

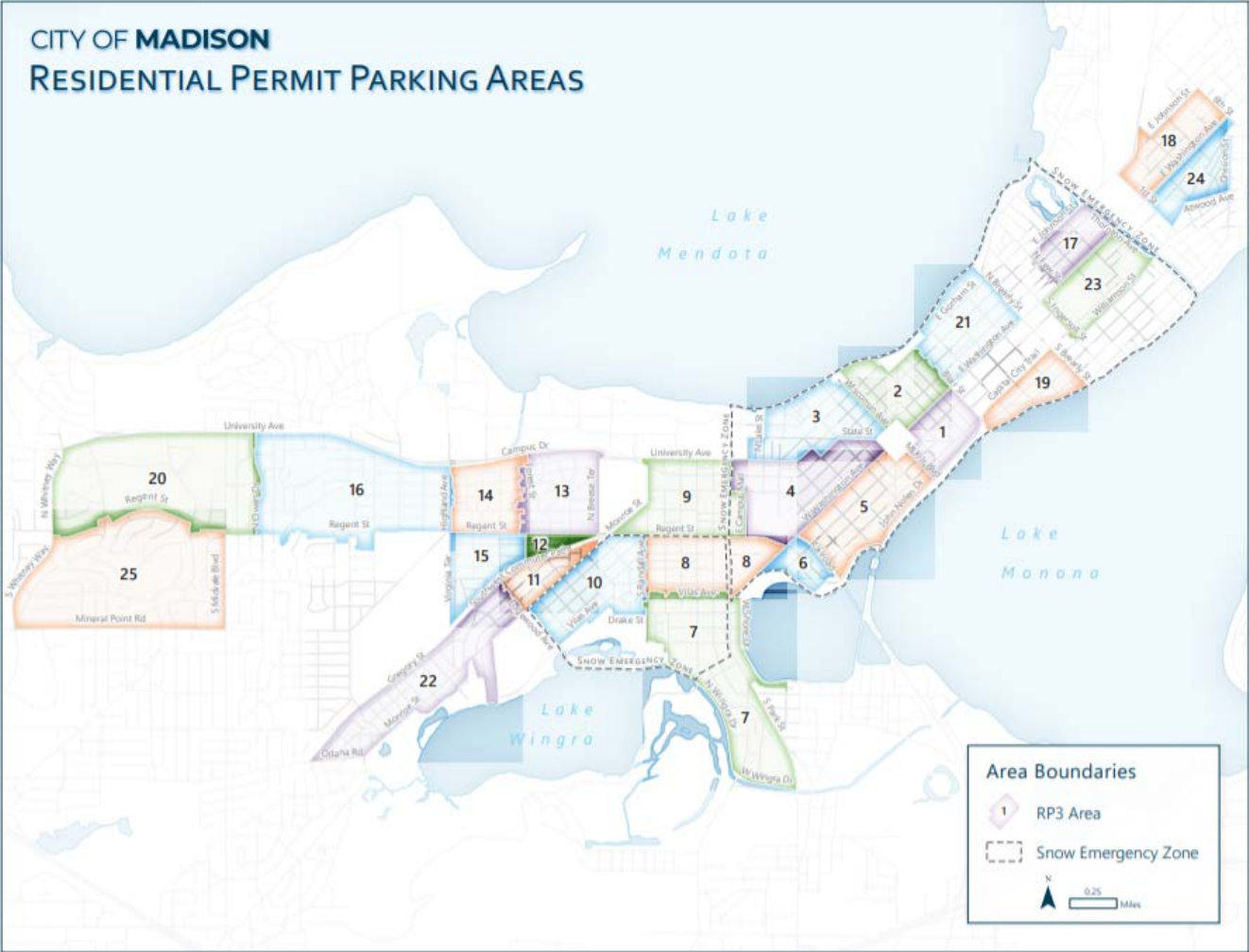
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Overview of RP3 and RPO Programs

- The program is established by MGO 12.138 – RESIDENTIAL DAYTIME PARKING PRIVILEGES FOR “COMMUTER PARKING IMPACTED” STREETS.
- MGO 12.138 (2) **Purpose**: “...to establish a mechanism whereby area residents will be afforded an opportunity for the limited storing of vehicles on public streets to the partial exclusion of commuter vehicles. It is intended that this residential parking Ordinance will reduce automobile commuting and its accompanying energy waste and air pollution, reduce the total vehicle miles of travel in the affected area, and alleviate traffic congestion, illegal parking, and related health and safety hazards.”

Residential Parking Permit Program Areas

- 25 Areas (to date)
- Eligible residents may purchase a permit for their Area (only).
- Permit valid on any RP3 or RPO restricted street in the Area.



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How Does it Work?

- 1-hour & 2-hour parking time limit restrictions or Resident Parking Only restrictions.
- Restrictions enforced 8AM – 6PM (M-F or M-Sat), resulting in a 10AM - 4PM restriction in practice.
- Residents can purchase permits for their area, exempting their vehicles from the time limit restrictions or allowing them to park at on-street spaces designated at Resident Permit Parking Only.
- Reduces commuter impact & improves daytime parking availability for residents on congested neighborhood streets.



Google streetview

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RP3

- 1-hour & 2-hour parking time limits apply to entire block. Anyone can park in spaces, but must abide by the time limits if they don't have a residential permit.
- People with a residential parking permit or with a valid DIS/Vet plate or hangtag on their vehicle are exempt from the time-limit restrictions.



RPO

- Ordinance change in 2000 to add RPO. 50% of the block is designated as Residential Permit Parking Only, and 50% is unrestricted.
- Only vehicles with a Residential Parking Permit may park in RPO spaces. Anyone may park at unrestricted spaces.
- Created to provide an option for neighborhoods wanting to only partially restrict street to allow for some commuter/non-resident parking (West High School).

Adding RP3 or RP0 Restrictions on a block

Eligibility Requirements:

- At least 50% of the block must be residential
- Majority support of residents on the block to install restrictions, and willingness to pay the cost for the program. (Petition process & recent ordinance change for Parking Manager Authority).
- Commuter Impacted: vehicle occupancy and license plate studies performed to determine eligibility.
- Restrictions typically implemented upon meeting eligibility requirements.

Public Hearing Process for Designating RP3 or RPO

- In lieu of petition process, the Parking Manager and/or alder(s) for the aldermanic district may request a public hearing and approval of the Transportation Commission before designating an eligible block.
- The Transportation Commission may approve or disapprove the designation of restrictions for a block that has met all eligibility requirements.
- Eligibility and Designation are determined on a block by block basis.

Potential Changes to Existing RP3 & RPO Program

- Establish a third program option to designate certain blocks as 100% RPO.
- The Transportation Commission may approve or disapprove the designation of restrictions for a block that has met all eligibility requirements.
- Eligibility and Designation are determined on a block by block basis.

PROS/CONS RP3 VS RPO

Enforcement:

- RPO is advantageous; RP3 time limit restrictions require chalking/returning 1 or 2 hours later to identify and cite violators.
- RPO restrictions can be enforced 8am-6pm. 2 hour RP3 time limits essentially only restrict parking between 10am-4pm.
- Compliance likely to be greater with RPO.

Guest Permit Program:

- State statute allows for RPO, but not for RP3 time limit restrictions.
- RP3 time limit restrictions allow for visitors to park short-term without needing a permit.
- The City does not currently have a guest permit program.

Questions for Discussion/Consideration

Note: Under the Equal Protection Clause, any potential changes to the existing program would need to rationally relate to the program's stated objectives.

- Should time limit RP3 restrictions be replaced by a new 100% RPO option?
- Criteria for designation to 100% RPO.
- Should designation of streets continue to be determined by the residents on a block by block basis, or should restrictions be established through a different process?