

PARKING CONTROL SCHEME

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is the Parking Control Scheme?

A. Due to difficulties being experienced by residents and businesses in parts of the County area, particularly as a result of long stay parking, the County Council first introduced Parking Control Bye-Laws in 2001 in an attempt to regularise the situation by restricting both the duration and locations for parking.

Q. What is the strategy?

A. The Council's strategy is to implement a parking management system that offers a control on existing parking habits to the benefit of the local residents or business communities, with a greater turnover and availability of spaces while facilitating access. To improve road safety for residents who are experiencing increased non-resident parking in their areas.

Q. Why implement controlled parking on only one side of some streets?

A. A detailed survey of all areas where parking controls are to be implemented has identified certain streets where parking on both sides does not allow sufficient space for traffic or guarantee emergency access at all times. In these cases, traffic flow will be two-way with controlled parking limited to one side only, with yellow lines on the opposite side.

Q. How much will Pay & Display cost?

A. The present cost applicable on *Road Name* in short stay designated areas is €1 per hour to a maximum of 3 hours as indicated on the Pay & Display machine and information plates, and €1 per hour or €5 per day in long stay areas.

Q. What are the hours of operation of Pay & Display?

A. The hours of operation of Pay & Display on *Road Name* will be *08.00 – 19.00, Monday to Friday(to be decided)*.

Q. Is there a maximum parking period for motorists using Pay & Display?

A. *Road Name* will have short stay parking (maximum 3 hours) and long stay parking, as indicated on the appropriate parking ticket machine and information plates.

A vehicle which had been parked in a ticket parking place for the maximum period permitted in that ticket parking place, as indicated on the appropriate Pay & Display ticket parking machine or information plate, shall not be parked again in a ticket parking place on the public road in which that ticket parking place is situated until at least one hour has elapsed since the vehicle was last parked in that ticket parking place.

Q. How will I pay for Parking?

A. Residents can apply for parking permits and visitors permits. For non-residents payment will be on a Pay & Display basis.

Q. As a resident, how many permits will I be allowed?

A. In any one year, the Council shall, on application by a resident, issue one parking permit per resident's car within its own pay parking area, subject to production of acceptable evidence by the resident, up to an upper limit of four residents parking permits per dwelling.

Q. Are residents of purpose built apartment blocks, or converted houses, eligible to apply for parking permits?

A. Residents of purpose built apartment blocks are not eligible for residents permits.

Where a building comprises a converted house the total number of residents' parking permits that may be held concurrently by residents of housing units in that building shall be four subject to the limit of one residents' parking permit per housing unit and subject to production of acceptable evidence.

It should be noted that non-resident landlords are not eligible for residents permits.

Q. Will the permit be interchangeable between vehicles?

A. No. Resident's permits will be issued to specific vehicles, using the registration number as the means of identification.

Q. Will I be guaranteed a space outside my house?

A. Residents permits will allow residents to park in a designated area, but will not guarantee availability of spaces.

Q. How will visitors or tradesmen park?

A. Visitors permits, valid for parking in a Pay & Display bay, will be available to residents at a cost of €1.50 each. Each permit will be valid for 1 day. Also, short stay parking may be paid for by Pay & Display ticket.

Q. Can residents park in areas designated for long stay/short stay parking?

A. Residents can park in the majority of long stay/short stay bays, once a valid residents permit is displayed, however residents may not be allowed to park in *some* commercial areas. Commercial areas/bays will have a time plate stating 'Permits Not Valid', residents may not use their permits while parking in these areas.

Q. Will non-residents be able to apply for resident's permits?

A. No. Documentary proof of residency, as detailed on the application form, is required by all applicants requesting a residents parking permit.

Q. Will permits be available to businesses?

A. No. It is not proposed at present to provide permits to businesses.

Q. Why should residents pay to park on their own street?

A. The scheme is being introduced primarily for the benefit of residents, to ease parking pressures in their area. The implementation of the scheme involves substantial costs to the Council, including road lining, signage, the provision of parking meters, and continued maintenance and enforcement costs. The present fee for a parking permit is €40 for an annual permit or €75 for a two-year permit.

Q. Is it possible to provide residents only parking?

A. There is no statutory basis for providing residents only parking on public roads.

Q. What provision is being made for people with disabilities?

A. Motorists who display a 'Parking Card for People with Disabilities' (EU Blue Card), issued by the Irish Wheelchair Association or legitimate national authority, may park in controlled areas without payment.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information leaflet.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Parking Section at 2054884.