

PARKING BENEFIT ZONES

Frequently Asked Questions (DRAFT)

Parking Benefit Zones (PBZ) regulate on-street parking through use of an on-street resident parking permit system. Non-residents may purchase a limited number of non-resident on-street parking permits in addition to those available to residents -- depending on the actual occupancy/inventory of vehicles parking in the zone. The number of non-resident parking permits will contract, or expand, as the PBZ is managed to achieve at, or below, on-street parking occupancy of 85% during peak periods.

The City Commission may reinvest a portion of any fiscal surplus from fees for permits into a zone-specific benefit such as lowering parking permit fees for residents, infrastructure (sidewalk repair, curb maintenance, etc.), or public transit enhancement. (NOTE: zone permit revenues – zone expenditures = fiscal surplus).

- **Where are Parking Benefit Zones located?** *Parking Benefit Zones would exist at locations within the Downtown Parking Management District where peak period on-street parking occupancy is at 85% or higher. At the time of adoption of Ordinance 2033 the City has not created a parking benefit zone. If such a zone is created, residents within the proposed zone will be notified prior to its creation.*
- **Who can purchase a permit to park in a Parking Benefit Zone?** *Residents of a Parking Benefit Zone can purchase annual resident on-street parking permits. Non-residents, or those that live in an apartment building (5 or more) within a parking benefit zone, are eligible to purchase monthly non-resident on-street parking permits depending on availability.*
- **Can Visitor permits be purchased? How many?** *Each dwelling within a Parking Benefit Zone may purchase up to two (2) annual resident visitor on-street parking permits. Dwellings located in an apartment building (5 or more) or non-residents are not eligible to purchase annual visitor on-street parking permits.*
- **Are resident/non-resident/visitor permits limited to one license plate?** *Utilizing the on-line parking portal, permit holders can easily manage the license plates assigned to resident, non-resident, and visitor permits.*
- **What about service providers that need to park in the Parking Benefit Zone?** *Rules for the management of Parking Benefit Zones to be adopted by the Bozeman Parking Commission as required by Ordinance 2033, will likely include language similar to existing municipal code for residential parking permit districts which states that *service providers with clearly marked vehicles, on a service call, may park without a permit in a Parking Benefit Zone. Likewise, unmarked service vehicles can be assigned to a resident on-street visitor permit, or purchase an annual service provider permit.**
- **Can an on-street parking permit be assigned to a camper or trailer within a Parking Benefit Zone?** *Yes. However, as with all vehicles, a camper or trailer parked on-street must move every seventy-two (72) hours and obey all other parking rules.*