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CORK CITY COUNCIL

PARKING PERMITS POLICY 2022

1. Overview:

Cork City Council (hereinafter called “**the Council**”) has made the following Bye Laws (hereinafter referred to, collectively, as “**the Bye Laws**”):

- Cork City Council Parking Bye Laws 2016
- Cork City Council Douglas Parking Bye Laws 2020
- Cork City Council Ballincollig Car Park Bye Laws 2020

This Policy is made on foot of and should be read in conjunction with the Bye Laws. In the event of conflict between the terms of the Bye Laws and the terms hereof, the terms of the Bye Laws will prevail. In this Policy a reference to the Bye Laws shall be taken to include reference to any future Bye Laws made by Cork City Council which amend, extend, substitute, replace, codify, consolidate, or otherwise change the Bye Laws, whether in whole or in part.

In accordance with this Policy, the Council operates a Parking Permit Scheme (hereinafter called “**the Scheme**”), that may be modified from time to time, issuing the following types of Parking Permit:

- Resident’s Parking Permit
- Resident’s – Vehicle Hire Parking Permit
- Carer’s Parking Permit
- Charitable Organisation Parking Permit

The General Provisions set out in Section 2 below apply, where relevant, to all Parking Permits issued under the Scheme and to all applications for same. The Policy in relation to each type of Parking Permit is detailed below in Section 3.

2. General Provisions

A Parking Permit allows permit holders to park their vehicle in a Pay Parking Area (as defined in the Bye Laws) to which the Parking Permit relates, exempt from payment of on street parking fees and without limitation as to time. **In all other respects** the holder of a Parking Permit, when parking, must comply with the Bye Laws and with national legislation.

The Council requires all applicants to complete the appropriate application form and to provide such documentation as specified in the Scheme and such evidence as the Council deems necessary to satisfy itself of the applicant’s eligibility for a Parking Permit.

If the Council is satisfied as to an applicant’s eligibility, the applicant will be required to pay the fee prescribed in the Scheme. On receipt of payment, the Council will issue the Parking Permit for the duration prescribed in the Scheme.

The term “Valid Parking Permit” is defined in the Bye Laws.

To be valid a Parking Permit must be current and, unless a virtual permit is issued, a physical Parking Permit must be prominently displayed in the relevant vehicle so that the full Parking Permit is clearly and fully legible through the front windscreen from outside the vehicle.

These are conditions of the Scheme and failure to comply with the relevant requirements may result in the issue of a Fixed Charge Penalty Notice to the Registered Owner of the vehicle. If a Fixed Charge Penalty Notice is received where a Parking Permit has issued but is not a valid Parking Permit (whether by reason of the fact that it has expired, or has not been displayed, or has been incorrectly displayed), any appeal in such circumstances is unlikely to be successful.

The Council may, at any time and with immediate effect, cancel or revoke a Parking Permit where the Council becomes aware of a fact or a circumstance, whether occurring before or after the issue of the Parking Permit, that would have required or permitted the Council to refuse the application for that Parking Permit had the Council been aware of the fact or the circumstance before the Parking Permit was issued. In such an event, the Council will notify the applicant in writing of the cancellation or revocation and the grounds for it. The cancellation or revocation of the Parking Permit may be appealed by the applicant within a period of 10 days of the issue date of the notification.

The renewal of a Parking Permit is the responsibility of the Parking Permit holder. The Parking Permit holder is obliged to pay for on street parking fees during any period between the expiry date of their Parking Permit and the renewal date of their Parking Permit.

3. Parking Permit Types

Resident’s Parking Permit:

All vehicle owners whose primary residence is on a public road in a Pay Parking Area (as defined in the Bye Laws), are eligible to apply for a Resident’s Parking Permit subject to the exceptions set out below under the heading ‘Permit Eligibility Exceptions’.

The Council requires all applicants for a Resident’s Parking Permit to complete the appropriate application form and to provide such documentation as specified in the Scheme and such evidence as the Council deems necessary to satisfy itself of the applicant’s eligibility for a Resident’s Parking Permit.

With effect from 1st January 2027, a maximum number of three Resident’s Parking Permits will be allowed per qualifying residence in the subject area of Cork City Council Parking Byelaws 2016.

In the interim period commencing 1st May 2022 until 31st December 2026 Cork City Council will not accept new applications for a fourth permit for a qualifying residence.

In the interim period commencing 1st May 2022 until 31st December 2026 Cork City Council will accept renewal applications for a fourth permit for a qualifying residence.

Cork City Council will not accept new applications or renewal applications for a fourth permit for a qualifying residence after 31st December 2026.

Resident's – Vehicle Hire Parking Permits

To support the use of sustainable transport, Resident's – Vehicle Hire Parking Permits are part of the Parking Permit Scheme to cater for eligible residents in a Pay Parking Area (as defined in the Bye Laws), who do not own a vehicle but may need to rent a vehicle from time to time. To be eligible to apply for this permit, an applicant must fulfil all the requirements that are applicable to an application for a Resident's Parking Permit.

Residents of a development the residents of which are not eligible to apply for a Resident's Parking Permit are not eligible to apply for a Resident's - Vehicle Hire Parking Permit.

The number of Resident's - Vehicle Hire Parking Permit applications for an individual address will be restricted to 20 per annum. There will be no more than one Resident's - Vehicle Hire Parking Permit issued for an individual address at any one time. The Permit will be issued for a maximum period of 3 days.

The Council requires all applicants to complete the appropriate application form online within the prescribed timeframe and to provide such documentation as specified in the Scheme and such evidence as the Council deems necessary to satisfy itself of the applicant's eligibility for a Resident's - Vehicle Hire Parking Permit.

Carer's Parking Permit:

The purpose of a Carer's Parking Permit is to ensure that parking charges are not a barrier for residents in a Pay Parking Area (as defined in the Bye Laws) who require on-going daily care due to a chronic medical condition.

Carer's Parking Permits allow family members nominated by the holder of a Carer's Parking Permit to park their vehicle exempt from payment of on street parking fees and without limitation as to time in a Pay Parking Area (as defined in the Bye Laws) to which the Carer's Parking Permit relates. A single Carer's Parking Permit is issued to the resident with up to four vehicles being identified on the permit. The Carer's Parking Permit can be used by any one of the carers at any time but not simultaneously.

Only family members who are assisting the resident on a voluntary basis can be included on a Carer's Parking Permit.

The Council requires all applicants to complete the appropriate application form and to provide such documentation as specified in the Scheme and such evidence as the Council deems necessary to satisfy itself of the applicant's eligibility for a Carer's Parking Permit.

Charitable Organisation Parking Permit:

The purpose of permits for charitable organisations is to ensure that parking charges are not a barrier for charities in the provision of their core services.

The permits will be location and time specific, dependent on the needs of the organisation as determined by the Council.

The organisation must have charitable status.

A Charitable Organisation Parking Permit must be essential to the core business of the organisation.

Only persons who are assisting the organisation on a voluntary basis can make use of a Charitable Organisation Parking Permit.

The Council requires all applicants to provide such evidence as the Council deems necessary to satisfy itself of their eligibility to apply for a Charitable Organisation Parking Permit.

Permit Eligibility Exceptions:

1. Residents of a purpose built or converted apartment building/ block where development of the complex was completed after March 2004 will not be eligible for a Parking Permit.
2. Residents of a purpose built or converted apartment building/ block where off street parking has been constructed as part of the development or is already available to the development will not be eligible for a Parking Permit.
3. Residents of Private Estates (being any estate which has not yet been taken into charge by the Council or where the Council is not responsible for maintenance of the internal roads and footpaths, which are intended to remain in private ownership) will not be eligible for a Parking Permit.

Effective Date

This policy will come into effect on 1st May 2022

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