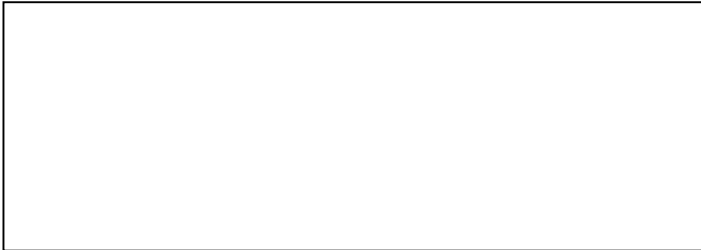


IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ZONE C PARKING SCHEME

DO NOT IGNORE THIS NOTICE



1st November 2019

Dear Resident

The current city centre parking restrictions are changing. Presently Zone C permits cover the whole of the city centre area however this is now being split in two separate permit zones which will be known as Zone C and Zone HC (Historic Core).

Zone C permits will not be valid in Zone HC areas and vice versa and so dependent on where your property is located will determine the type of permit you will receive and the areas where you may park. Permits will only be valid within the designated disc parking bays for the relevant zone and are not transferrable. Details of streets where Zone C and Zone HC permit holders can park are attached to this letter.

There are always signs and / or road markings in the street to denote the restrictions in place and in disc zone / permit areas you will note there is a letter(s) indicated in the bottom right hand corner of each sign. This pertains to the area in which you may park in and so Zone C permit holders are only permitted to park in Zone C locations and so must look for signs which have the letter C on them.

Similarly Zone HC permits holders are only permitted to park in Zone HC locations and so must look for signs which have the letter HC on them. Please note no permit allows you to park in other disc zones, on yellow lines or in areas reserved for specific users such as loading bays, taxi ranks, bus stops, coach bays, electric vehicle recharging spaces, sole use disabled bays.

Whilst some areas will not be affected, there will be a number of notable changes to current parking restrictions in other locations, mainly within the historic core area. For example in Zone HC locations the disc parking times have been extended from 6pm to 7pm and there are now one hour disc zone parking restrictions in place on Sundays from 11:30am – 5pm.

Designated disabled bays may be time limited and enforceable at all times or they may only apply on certain days / stated times. There are also some new dual usage bays which will allow Blue Badge holders to park between 8.30am – 6pm however HC permit holders may park also park in these bays albeit at different times, ie during the hours of 4pm – 10am, Monday to Saturday. As such at overlapping times between 8.30am – 10am and 4pm – 6.00pm these bays can be utilised by either Blue Badge holders or HC permit holders.

Loading areas are not for general parking and cannot be used for general shopping, small fragile goods, cash or other valuable securities which are being collected and delivered. The loading bay on Market Street will now be in force 24 hours a day, however other loading areas are only during specified timeframes and nearby signage will denote operating times.

The Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) is located within the historic core area and is an area where if you wish to park or wait, you can only do so in a designated parking bay, even if there are no double yellow lines painted on the roads. Vehicles may only park within the areas which they are eligible for.

In Zone C, the only significant change is that Chapel Street will be a resident permit only area and only Zone C permit holders and Blue Badge Holders will be permitted to park in this location. In all instances we would therefore strongly recommend all drivers to check the restrictions in place prior to leaving the vehicle and to only park if aware of the rules.

Meanwhile there has been no change to the permit process and if you are a current permit holder you will already be on the database and there is no need to submit a new application or reapply for new permits. Permit Guidance is available to view on the Council's website and details information for new and changes to existing applications.

Zone C permit holders should therefore continue to use their permits as normal and it will be your responsibility to ensure permits are renewed within one month before the expiry date. No reminders will be sent.

New HC vehicle and visitor permits will be sent to eligible residents to replace current Zone C permits and you should receive these within the next two weeks. In making these changes this will automatically cancel the previously issued Zone C permits and so you will no longer be allowed to parked In Zone C locations. Previously issued Zone C permits must either be destroyed or returned to Parking Services, Cumbria County Council, PO Box 415, Carlisle, CA1 9GU.

Anyone displaying an invalid permit may be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice and the Council reserves the right to revoke all permits if anyone is found to be using an invalid permit to gain parking benefits in both areas.

The new Zone C & HC will be operational and subject to enforcement as of the 1st January 2020 and any enquiries can be made to either the Council's Parking Services or Highways departments.

Parking Services – East

For details of our privacy policy please visit www.cumbria.gov.uk/parking

ZONE C LOCATIONS

Albert Street
Bank Street
Blackfriars Street
Brunswick Street
Bush Brow
Cecil Street
Chapel Street
Court Square
Crosby Street
Devonshire Street
Earl Street
English Damside
English Street
Greenmarket
Lonsdale Street
Lowther Street
Mary Street
Portland Square
Spencer Street
Spring Gardens Lane
St Pauls Square
Tait Street
The Crescent
Victoria Place
Victoria Viaduct
Warwick Road (Nos 1-59 / 2-68)
West Walls
Wilfred Street

ZONE HC LOCATIONS

Abbey Street
Castle Street
Clifford Street
Corporation Road
Dixon Street
Drovers Lane
Finkle Street
Fisher Street
Market Street
Paternoster Row
Peter Street
Rickergate
Scotch Street
St Marys Gate
Warwick Street
West Tower Street
West Walls (Historic Core area)