

Annual Downtown Residential Parking Permit Policy
Effective December 13, 2010

The City of Hastings strives to manage, promote and maintain safe, convenient, accessible and attractive parking opportunities to meet the needs of businesses, residents, and visitors within the Downtown Area.

This policy applies to passenger vehicles parked in City of Hastings municipal parking lots in conjunction with downtown residential uses. Vehicles permitted to park under this policy must be able to fit completely within a standard size parking space.

Annual Parking Permits may be issued to allow parking during the restricted times, in designated municipal lots, when the applicant is able to show proof a valid lease within a second or third story Downtown Apartment and demonstrate that they are not able to obtain adequate parking on private property in reasonable proximity to their residence. Parking permits will be issued by and at the discretion of the Hastings City Council. The City Council will determine where in the municipal lot the permit shall apply.

Each dwelling unit will be eligible for up to two parking permits and a visitor's permit. The permit holders will be allowed to park during the evening and overnight in assigned municipal lots from 5:00 PM until 9:00 AM. All time restricted parking lots will be required to be vacated by the permit holder by 9:00 AM.

It is expected that between the times of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM that Downtown Residents/Permit Holders will park on the street or within municipal lots that allow all day parking.

Permit Holders will be allowed to park all day and night on Saturday and Sunday in specified locations in time restricted municipal lots.

It is expected that the residents and property owners will work with the City to assist in the efficient removal of snow from the lots by accommodating the DPS crew's needs during heavy snow falls by moving their vehicles to designated areas in a timely fashion to facilitate snow removal operations.

All vehicles must be operable, licensed to operate on Michigan roadways, insured, well maintained, and be moved upon request to allow for routine and special maintenance of the municipal lots. Automobile repair occurring within the municipal lot is strictly prohibited.

Annual parking permits may be issued for downtown resident owned passenger vehicles for the calendar year where it can be reasonably demonstrated that no parking space is available on the apartment site, due to the property owner's parcel having an insufficient parking area and or the inability to enlarge the private parking facility.

Temporary parking permits may be issued by the City's administrative staff in the case that an extraordinary or special situation exists that will create the inability to use existing parking space or will cause it to be exhausted. The permit will be valid for a time period established by the staff not to exceed six months from date of issue and is non-renewable.

Staff will be responsible for reviewing the application and making a recommendation to City Council for the issuance of the annual permit.

Permit fees will be established by City Council Annually.

Permits may be revoked in the case of non-compliance. The subject vehicles will then have to abide by the previously established regulations of vehicular parking within the municipal parking lots.