



Update to Fairfax County's Resident Cut-Through Permit Program

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Background

2019

The General Assembly authorized Fairfax County to create a new resident permit program

July 2023

- Draft program policies and procedures
- Draft ordinance development

February 2024

- Proposed program implementation

Prerequisite to Permit Program Participation



VDOT/FCDOT Cut-Through Traffic Mitigation Program offers relief to residential communities impacted by cut-through traffic



Access to neighborhood streets is restricted by VDOT to prohibit turns during specific times of day



Turn restriction implementation is a prerequisite to participation in the permit program

Program Implementation Timeline

- New County Ordinance – public hearing in Fall 2024
- Program Policies and Procedures – finalize in Fall 2024
- Program initiation in early 2025
- Miscellaneous administrative tasks to complete
 - Purchase program materials and signs
 - Update information access agreements with Virginia DMV
 - Update VDOT sign permit

Proposed Ordinance Provisions

Sets forth establishment of Permit Zones

Specifies program administration

Sets permit fee of \$24 plus processing fees

Provides for enforcement and penalties for violations

Zone Establishment and Permit Eligibility



Residential Cut-Through Permit Zone will be determined by FCDOT and established by the Board of Supervisors



Permit eligibility will require proof of residency and vehicle registration at an address inside the Permit Zone



Permits may be issued to verified resident vehicles only

Permit Program Administration



Vendor provides permit software and payment processing



Processing fee for each online payment will be paid by applicant; current fee is \$3



Residents will apply and pay for permits online, in person, or by mail



Vendor will remit permit fees collected to County

Estimated Program Costs & Potential Revenue

Estimated Program Costs - Year 1	
Item	Amount
Signage	\$ 500
Permit decals	\$ 2,000
Postage and materials	\$ 500

Potential Revenue - Year 1

Eligible Addresses	Permit Fee	# of Permits per Address		
		1	2	3
355	\$24	\$ 8,520	\$ 17,040	\$ 25,560

Program revenue will be deposited into the General Fund

Jurisdiction Review – Permit Offerings

Jurisdiction	Turn Restrictions	Resident Permit	Notes
City of Alexandria	Yes	No	Permits are not offered due to concerns of favoring resident access to public streets.
Fairfax City	Yes	No	Restrictions are safety-related in non-residential areas. No resident impact; permits are not needed.
Town of Herndon	Yes	No	Resident access allowed by signage without permits; restrictions are easily enforced without resident permits.
Town of Vienna	Yes	No	Permits are not offered due to concerns of favoring resident access to public streets.

Jurisdiction Review – Enforcement

Jurisdiction	Turn Restrictions	Resident Permit	Enforcement Method – on a complaint basis
Fairfax County	Yes	Pending	All motorists that access restricted streets are stopped and ticketed.
City of Falls Church	Yes	Yes	Vehicles without permits that access restricted streets are stopped; residents issued a warning, non-residents are ticketed.
Fairfax City	Yes	No	All motorists that access restricted streets are stopped and ticketed.
Town of Herndon	Yes	No	Non-resident motorists that travel length of street are stopped and ticketed.
Town of Vienna	Yes	No	All motorists that access restricted streets are stopped and ticketed.

Board Questions and Guidance



Does the Board have any specific guidance regarding the potential implementation of this program?