City of Capitola
Permit Parking Program
Guidelines and Regulations

• Village Parking Permit Entitlement

Household units occupied on a full-time basis which have no off-street parking spaces shall be entitled to receive a maximum of two village parking permits for vehicles legally registered at that household address.

Household units occupied on a full-time basis, which have one off-street parking space, and two or more vehicles legally registered to that household address shall be entitled to one village parking permit.

Household units with more than two vehicles legally registered to that household address may receive a free permit for the Upper/Lower Beach and Village Parking Lots.

Household units occupied on a part-time basis, including, vacation rentals and units periodically occupied by non-resident owners, which have no off-street parking spaces are entitled to a maximum of one village transferable permit. This parking permit may be transferable among different vehicles.

• Village Parking Permit Privileges

Village parking permits are valid in two-hour zones, three-hour zones and pay to park spaces only. Green zone parking is permitted for a maximum of 24 minutes.

Village parking permits are not valid in the following areas: Capitola Avenue (between Stockton and Monterey Avenues), the 24 metered parking spaces diagonal to the seawall on the ocean side of the Esplanade between Zelda’s deck and the entrance to Esplanade Park and lower City Hall Parking Lot.

Village parking permit holders may park in the Upper/Lower Beach and Village Parking Lots and are not required to pay at the pay station. It is illegal to back into any space in the Upper/Lower Beach and Village Parking Lots or any diagonal space. Front end of vehicle must be within 6 inches of the curb. (Ord. 10.36.220)

• Neighborhood Parking Permit Entitlement

Residents in the neighborhood area are eligible for parking permits for any vehicle they possess which is registered to their Capitola residence.

Residents are eligible for up to two visitor parking permits which may be transferable among different vehicles.

Residents are eligible for up to twenty-five free temporary parking permits for special events in the neighborhood.
• Village Employer/Employee Parking Permit Program

Each eligible village business may apply for at least two village employer/employee parking permits. The maximum number of village employer/employee parking permits issued to any village business shall not exceed 35 percent of the total number of that village business’s employees.

Village employer/employee parking permits will only be eligible for parking in the Upper/Lower Beach and Village Parking Lots and may be transferable among different vehicles. Village employer/employee parking permits may be used only when the driver of the vehicle displaying the permit is actually working at the village business which holds the permit. It is illegal to back into any space in the Upper/Lower Beach and Village Parking Lot or any diagonal space. Front end of vehicle must be within 6 inches of the curb. (Ord. 10.36.220)

No vehicle longer than 20 feet may be parked in a regular space in the Upper/Lower Beach Parking Lots. Week day only RV/ Bus parking permits are available for purchase at the police department during regular business hours.

• Purchasing Parking Permits

Parking permits are valid from January to December of each calendar year.

Village and village employer/employee parking permits may be purchased for $50.00 each, beginning in December.

Neighborhood parking permits may be purchased for $25.00 each, beginning in May. Neighborhood residence living on Fanmar, Terrace, Burlingame, Fairview, Cliff Avenue, Grand and Reposa may purchase permits beginning in December, as permits in these areas are needed year round.

If you are purchasing a parking permit for the first time you will need to provide proof of residency (lease agreement, PG&E bill, etc.) and current vehicle registration showing your Capitola address on all vehicles.

Existing permit holders can renew their permits in person or by mail beginning December of each year. Information to be included should be how many permits will be needed and current vehicle information, if different than the previous year.

Permits may be given to company owned vehicles if you bring in a letter from the company (on company letterhead) stating the vehicle is provided for your use. In this situation, the vehicles’ registration does not need to be changed to the Capitola address. You must meet all other requirements of your specific parking area.

Per Municipal Code 10.36.010 the Chief of Police has the right to suspend or revoke any permit issued by the City of Capitola for misuse.

10.36.070 Storage of Vehicles on Public Streets: No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle shall park such vehicle upon any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two hours. Any vehicles parked or stored in violation of this section may be removed by the police department to the extent authorized by Vehicle Code Section 22651 provided the procedures set forth in Vehicle Code Section 22850 are followed. (Ord. 931 § 1, 2008; Ord. 841 § 1, 2002: Ord. 663, 1988: Ord. 204 § 9.4, 1963)

For further information, you may call the Capitola Police Department Records Division at 831-475-4242 or refer to the Capitola Municipal Code Title 10, which covers vehicles and traffic.