

Item # 575

Rate Increase: Area Parking
Permit Program

Area Parking Permit Program Rate Increases

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This concerns only one of the proposed rate increases in the Transportation Budget: Area Parking Permit Program - \$45.00 to \$60.00. The most shocking thing was the lack of notice to the neighborhood that such a rate hike was proposed. Never in the history of this program has there not been notice of a proposed rate hike. This violates Portland City Code - Title 3 section 3.96.050: Responsibility of City Agencies.

This program originated from the residents in my neighborhood when the City failed to address our parking problems caused by downtown parking caps. This program has had rate increases over the decades, many justified but some proven to be overstated by the use of improper data included by the department. These unintentional errors were only caught before any public hearing by the neighborhood's diligence and brought about reductions in proposed rate increases for the permit holders.

The most curious thing is

That this increase did not originate from Traffic Management which administers the program and always did propose any rate increases in the past but as was explained to me the proposal came from the Mayor's office after Traffic Management had already submitted their budget!

This is a 33% rate increase and there was never an opportunity to testify before council as to its accuracy and necessity at this time. I am truly appalled at the egregious disregard for the City Code, the egregious disrespect for the thousands of hours volunteers put into this program to make the City livable and the callous attitude toward the residents in these areas.

If you want to restore faith in the transparency of government and show appreciation to the volunteers that really make this wonderful City work, hold off this one increase until we have an opportunity to go over the raw data with the City to verify the proposed increase.

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