HEADLANDS PERMIT PARKING

Headlands Residential Parking Permits

To prevent unwanted ferry parking in our neighborhood, Headlands Homeowners Association, along with the City of Alameda has implemented a permit program for parking on City streets within the Headlands Association. Enforcement of this parking program will begin July 1, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

A resident permit or guest permit allows for parking in all legal street parking areas for greater than the posted four (4) hours, but not more than seventy-two (72) hours.¹

All vehicles illegally parked, regardless of permits, will still be ticketed and potentially towed at the discretion of the City of Alameda Police Department.

Resident Parking Permit - No Charge

To qualify for a residential parking permit, residents must present both a government issued photo identification and a current vehicle registration displaying their Headlands address. Permits are not transferable between vehicles.

Permits may be granted for vehicles owned by the resident homeowner, rental resident, or owned by a company and provided to the resident. In all cases there must be proof of ownership associated with the address within Headlands or proof of legal regular use by the Headlands resident (i.e. a company vehicle leased for the individual, usually shown through the insurance card.)

If the vehicle is registered to the Headlands address, but is not registered in the name of the Headland's resident, the resident must provide a copy of the registered owner's valid picture ID, and a signed letter stating the resident has the right to use the vehicle. If the vehicle is registered to a company and not to a Headland's address, then the resident must show proof of company ownership and permission to drive that vehicle by the resident.

Ordinance 8-7.8 - Leaving Vehicle on a Street in Excess of Seventy-two (72) Hours. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave unattended any vehicle on the streets of the City of Alameda continuously for a period exceeding seventy-two (72) hours. Such vehicles may be towed to, and stored at, an impound facility at the vehicle owner's expense. For the purposes of this section, a vehicle shall be considered parked or left unattended if it is not moved at least one (1) mile within any continuous seventy-two (72) hour period.

(Ord. No. 2618 N.S. § 1; Ord. No. 2761 N.S. § 1) (Ord. No. 3015 N.S., § 1, 1-7-2010)

¹ Leaving your vehicle parked on a public street in excess of 72-hours is a pre-existing City of Alameda ordinance

Permits are processed at the time of submission with required documentation. Pick your permits up at the Community Offices, 3195 Mecartney Road, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., submit a request online or via the U.S Postal Service. Requests received by mail will require a two to three week turnaround. Requests received without proper documentation will not be processed. Call the Community Offices at 510-865-3363 if you have questions.

Visitor permits may be obtained by residents in person or by mail.

Both resident and visitor permits must be visibly displayed on the front windshield in the lower right corner. Any vehicle parked on Headlands streets for more than 4 hours without a visible permit between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays will be ticketed by the Alameda Police Department.

If it is discovered that a permit has been given to someone to allow them to park in the Headlands in order to use the ferry, all permits to that residence will be immediately revoked.

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1. Why did the Headlands implement a residential permit program?

Increased ferry ridership at the Harbor Bay terminal has caused more and more ferry users to find parking in surrounding residential neighborhoods, especially in the Headlands and Columbia communities. Currently, an estimated 350 ferry terminal users drive and park at or near the terminal, even though the Ferry terminal's lot only has a capacity of 250. The problem will continue to grow, as the Harbor Bay Ferry service is gaining popularity with Alamedans – as provided by WETA, 94% of the riders of the Harbor Bay Ferry are Alamedans, mostly from Harbor Bay, and nearly half walk, bike, or are dropped off at the ferry.

2. What's going to change and when?

Homeowners Associations in Freeport and Bay Colony have already implemented a parking permit program on their private streets. Columbia and Headlands parking permit program will begin July 1, 2017. All vehicles parked for more than 4 hours within the associations Mon-Fri between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., excluding holidays must have a valid permit placed in the front lower right corner of the windshield.

3. What streets are going to be permit parking only?

All streets within the Headlands. Creedon Circle, Gonsalvez Court and Nakayama Court.

4. What do I need to do so I don't get a ticket on any of my cars?

Pick up your free parking permit(s) at the Community offices at 3195 Mecartney Road in Alameda before July 1, 2017. The Community offices are open Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

5. How many permits can I get and what kind of identification do you need?

You can obtain as many permits as needed for vehicles you will have parked on the street during the above noted hours. Government issued photo identification and a current vehicle registration displaying your Headlands address are needed to obtain permits for each vehicle.

6. What do the permits look like and where do I need to place them? Will they be stick on permits?

The permits are to be placed in the front lower right window and are a cling on type sticker. So they are easily removable.

7. How do I replace a lost permit?

Contact the Community of Harbor Bay Isle for replacement permits (510) 865-3363.

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8. Are there categories of cars exempted from the permit, like commercial?

Commercial vehicles are exempt from needing the parking permit.

9. I have baby sitters, gardeners, painters that will need permits, how do I get them permits?

Guest permits are available for those of you who have guests who will be parking on the street during the above noted times.

It is not acceptable to provide permits to people not visiting your residence to park more conveniently for the Ferry.

10. I have friends/family coming in from out of town who will need to park on the street, how do I get enough permits for say 5 different family members that will be spending a week with me?

Contact the community offices at (510) 865-3363 for guest permits.

11. Who is going to implement the enforcement of the permitted parking?

The City of Alameda Police Department will be enforcing the parking in the community. A ticket will be issued for those vehicles that are not displaying a Headlands parking permit.

- Who do I call if a car that has no permit is not being ticketed?

 Contact Alameda Police Department's non-emergency line.
- I got a ticket but have a permit. What do I do now? Who do I call?

Contact Alameda Police Department. If your permit was not displayed, you will still be responsible for the ticket.

14. Can a Headlands Permit be used in the Columbia association or can a Columbia permit be used in the Headlands association?

No, the permit is only valid in the association it is registered to.