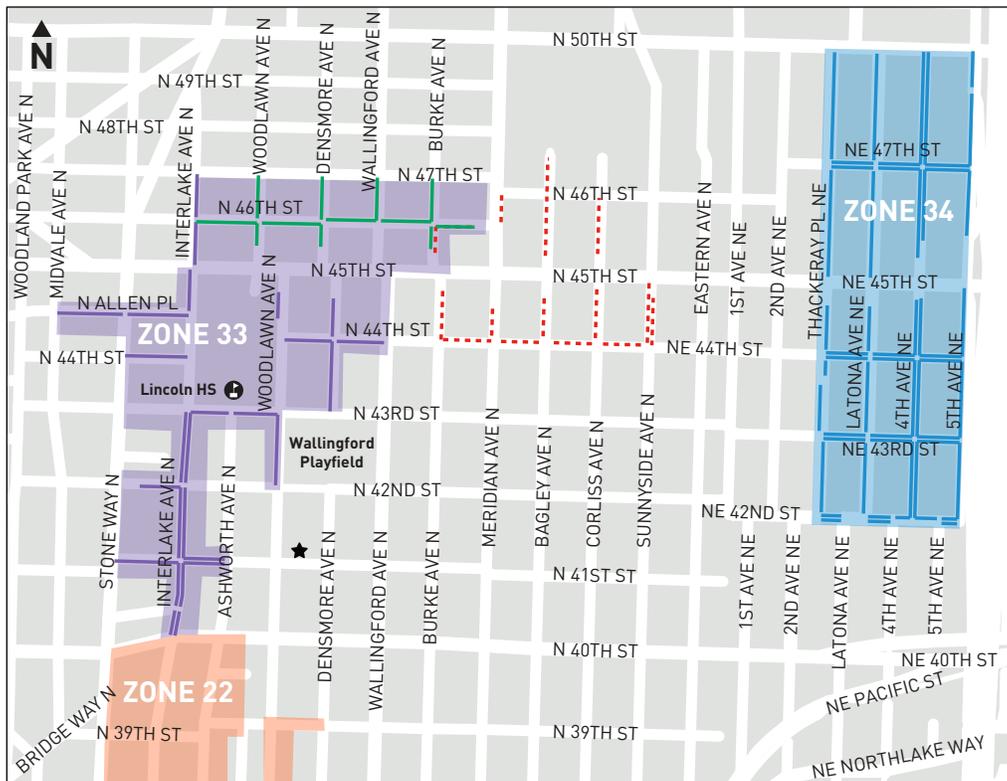


WALLINGFORD RPZ PROPOSAL FAQ

Map of proposed changes:



Proposed Changes

- New Zone 34 signed blocks
- Residents eligible for Zone 34 permits
- - - Remove current Zone 5 signed blocks
- Revised Zone 22
- Current Zone 22 (proposed Zone 33) signed blocks
- New Zone 33 signed blocks
- Residents eligible for Zone 33 permits
- ★ Public hearing location

What do RPZs do?

Restricted Parking Zones are installed to limit long-term, commuter parking from major demand generators such as hospitals, universities, and business districts on nearby residential streets, while still allowing short-term parking for customers and visitors to support thriving neighborhood business districts. RPZs do this through signed time limits that:

- Are usually in effect during the day (for example, from 7 AM – 6 PM)
- Can be on either one or both sides of the street
- Are only installed adjacent to residential properties
- Allow short-term visitor parking
- Allow residents to purchase permits to park longer than the posted time limit
- Allow unrestricted parking during hours when signed time limits are not in effect

Why are we proposing these changes?

We received requests from the Wallingford Community Council to study parking in residential areas in Wallingford. Last year we studied on-street parking in the area, shared our results with the community, and asked for feedback on on-street parking. We've used the results of the parking study and feedback from the community to develop the proposed changes outlined in our proposal mailer, which you can find at www.seattle.gov/transportation/NewAndChangingRPZs.



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Why are we proposing a new Zone 34?

We are proposing to add a new RPZ – Zone 34 – just to the west of I-5 to prevent long-term, commuter parking in the public right of way.

- Our parking study showed that parking is very full in this area, making reliable access for neighborhood residents and guests challenging.
- Our study also showed that many of the vehicles parked during the day did not belong to neighborhood residents, and stayed for a significant amount of time.
- The comments we received from residents in this area strongly support the creation of a new RPZ in this area.

Why are we proposing a new Zone 33?

We are proposing to split the current Zone 22 at N 40th St. The area north of N 40th St will become Zone 33. In addition, new residential blocks around N 45th St will be included in Zone 33.

- The current Zone 22 spans parts of Wallingford with different generators and parking conditions. The new boundary will occur at an arterial (N 40th St).
- The new Zone 33 will surround the new Lincoln High School and help manage parking demand around N 45th St.
- Comments received from residents in this area show they support expansion of an RPZ around N 45th St.

Why are we proposing to remove existing Zone 5?

- The original traffic generator for Zone 5 is no longer operating. Zone 5 was installed in 1988 specifically to limit evening parking from employees and patrons of the Guild 45th theater, which is now closed.
- Our occupancy study showed that there is on-street parking available on these streets during the day.
- A majority of eligible households in Zone 5 are not currently purchasing Zone 5 permits.

What is the process for these proposed changes?

- We are collecting feedback through April 15, 2018 by online comment form, email, phone, and at the public hearing. All methods of commenting are treated equally.
- After April 15, we will review all the feedback we received and use it to inform a final decision.
- In late May 2018, we will send out a notice of decision with a final design and implementation schedule.

Will this proposal affect my upcoming Zone 5 or Zone 22 permit renewal?

Zone 5 renews in May 2018 and Zone 22 renews in July 2018. Because the public comment and final notification process will extend through May, we are allowing current Zone 5 permits to remain valid through summer 2018. Zone 22 permits (including those in the proposed Zone 33 area) will renew in July 2018 as usual. We will communicate more details regarding permit renewals in June 2018.

Would employees be able to purchase RPZ permits?

Employees would not be eligible for RPZ permits. In areas of high demand, we do not prioritize the limited public right of way for long-term storage of commuter vehicles. RPZ signs would not be installed adjacent to any commercial properties and we are not proposing any changes to parking adjacent to businesses.

If you would like to request a change to the parking adjacent to your business, such as adding or removing a load zone or time limits, please contact WallingfordParking@seattle.gov with your request.

Want more information about what we heard from you?

Last November we asked the community for feedback on residential, on-street parking around N 45th St/NE 45th St. We received nearly 600 responses by survey, email, and phone. You can find a summary of the survey responses at www.seattle.gov/transportation/NewAndChangingRPZs.