



Contact us with questions:

City of Bellingham Parking Services
210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 778-7780 or parksmart@cob.org

The City of Bellingham has seven [parking areas](#) available, which provide a convenient place to park while at work or if living downtown. Applicants may apply for a parking permit if they:

- Work or reside in downtown Bellingham and
- Have fewer than four outstanding parking violations.

New applicants for a parking permit will be required to:

- Provide contact information including an email address.
- Furnish a valid state license plate number or temporary pass number and vehicle description.
- Pay the first month's fee.

Permit Fees:

- When a permit is first obtained, fees are prorated by the week if obtained partway through the month. The permit is activated as soon as the fee is paid.
- For future months, an email notice containing a link to your online customer portal is sent around the 10th of each month, through which payment can be made. Payment is due by the last day of the month. Along with payment through the online portal, we also accept payment in person at the Finance Office in City Hall. Please reference your customer number if mailing a check. A link to the online portal is available through the City's website at www.cob.org/pay
- The permit will remain active if the fee is paid by the due date. If payment is not received, then the permit may be deactivated and any vehicle on the permit that is parked in the permit area will be subject to a parking citation.
- Permit fees can be paid monthly or annually. If paid annually, a 10% discount is offered. The annual fee covers January to December and is not prorated, so this option is only valid in December or January. The annual payment option is not available online and must be set up in person at the Finance Office in City Hall.

Permit and Lot Usage:

- Parking permits are required to park in city facilities Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. During other times, parking is free and open to everyone, with the exception of the South Lot that has event-related parking restrictions.
- A permit holder's vehicle will be entered into the parking system. We use a system that scans license plates to confirm permits. A permit sticker or hangtag is not needed.
- More than one vehicle can be registered to a parking permit, although only one of these can be parked in the permit area at any one time.
- Permits are valid only for the garage or lot for which issued.
- Parking permit fees are non-refundable.
- Vehicle storage is not allowed in city facilities and a permit will not be issued for this purpose.
- Permit holders are responsible for updating their vehicle information if they get a different vehicle, different license plate number, or temporarily drive a different vehicle. This can be done through an online customer portal provided when the permit is issued. Accuracy is important. Just one number or letter being incorrect could result in a citation because the license plate will not register in the parking system as having a permit.