

## **Overnight Parking FAQs**

### Why were changes made to Berkley's overnight parking policy?

While the goal is always to minimize the amount of cars parked on our streets overnight, staff and Council recognize that there are circumstances where someone must park their car in the street overnight. The new policy aims to provide relief to those who have an identified hardship that requires them to park in the street while building a system that makes enforcing illegal parking easier for Public Safety.

# What are some qualifying hardships for an annual overnight parking permit?

Qualifying hardships include:

- Residences located on a corner lot
- Residences without a driveway
- Residences with more vehicles than can fit in the driveway and garage
- Residences with driveways narrower than 8 ft
- Residences whose driveways do not permit needed handicap accessibility
- Residences with long-term construction work and a dumpster in the driveway
- Residences with more drivers than available parking spaces for an extended period

### How can I apply for an overnight permit? How much does it cost?

Applications for annual parking permits are available by CLICKING HERE. The cost of the permit is \$400 annually with a non-refundable \$25 application fee.

#### Who can apply for an annual overnight parking permit?

Annual parking permits are valid for single-family or two-family addresses only.

#### When is the annual overnight parking permit valid?

The annual parking permit is valid from January 1 through December 31. If you purchase the annual parking pass in 2024, it will be valid until December 31, 2025.

#### Can I use the annual permit anywhere in the City?

No, annual parking permits do not allow overnight parking in municipal lots and cannot be used on Twelve Mile Road or Coolidge Highway.

# What are the hours of the overnight parking restriction? What is the cost of a ticket for a violation?

The overnight parking restriction is in effect between 2:00 am and 5:00 am. The fine for a parking violation offense is \$50. This increase in fines is not only to serve as a deterrent but also to bring consistency to fines like parking violations.

#### Is there a temporary solution for short-term needs?

Yes, there's a free Temporary Overnight Parking List for temporary and infrequent situations, limited to 15 days per calendar year per license plate. You can use the online portal at Online Overnight Parking System or visit the Public Safety building in person to register your license plate.

#### Can I use the annual permit for a rental or car share vehicle?

No, annual parking permits cannot be issued to residences with vehicles listed on a car rental or car share program.

### Are there any special provisions for electric vehicles?

Yes, overnight charging at EV-equipped spaces in municipal lots and on-street is allowed without an annual permit.

# What if I need to place a temporary container like a Pod or dumpster in the street?

Pods, dumpsters, and similar temporary containers may only be placed in the street with the approval of the Building Official, based on an identified hardship. Please contact the Community Development department at building@berkleymi.gov or 248-658-3320.