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Jamaica Plain resident parking permits up 25 percent from 2008

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

After dropping 11 percent between 2006 and 2008, the number of parking permits assigned to Jamaica Plain residents has risen by 25 percent over the past two years, the city says.

Under the resident parking program, residents apply for a permit that allows them to park in designated areas on their neighborhood's streets without getting ticketed. The program is free, but requires renewal every two years and sometimes a few circles around the block to nab an empty spot.

Increases in permit figures reflect the city's effort to expand the permit parking program in several communities, said city transportation spokeswoman Tracey Ganiatsos. The South End, North End, South Boston, Dorchester, East Boston, Roxbury, West Roxbury, Chinatown, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain and Charlestown all have more active resident permits now than four years ago.

"In the past few years, at the request of neighborhood residents, [the city] expanded the program in several neighborhoods," Ganiatsos said. "When the program is expanded to additional streets in a neighborhood, more residents will apply for permits to be able to park in close proximity to their homes."

However, an explanation for why figures would drop, like they did in Jamaica Plain from 2006-2008, was not immediately available.

In April 2006, there were 2,673 active permits in Jamaica Plain, which dropped to 2,354 by January 2008 before climbing to 2,947 as of a week ago.

Resident parking spaces are most common in the downtown neighborhoods as well as near transit stations in all neighborhoods "to act as a deterrent to all day parking by commuters," Ganiatsos said.

The program expanded to include residential streets near local business districts "to encourage turnover at on-street spaces and discourage all day employee parking," she said.

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| Neighborhood | April 21, 2006 | Jan. 10, 2008 | Sept. 24, 2010 | 2006 - 2010 change |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Allston-Brighton | 13,460 | 12,722 | 12,502 | -958 |
| Back Bay | 6,265 | 7,106 | 5,545 | -720 |
| Bay Village | 510 | 548 | 467 | -43 |
| Beacon Hill | 3,583 | 2,749 | 3,276 | -307 |
| Charlestown | 7,267 | 7,341 | 8,587 | 1,320 |
| Chinatown | 701 | 691 | 784 | 83 |
| Dorchester | 996 | 1,854 | 2,374 | 1,378 |
| East Boston | 7,179 | 6,964 | 8,727 | 1,548 |
| Hyde Park | 22 | 35 | 61 | 39 |
| Jamaica Plain | 2,673 | 2,354 | 2,947 | 274 |
| Fenway-Kenmore | 3,921 | 5,056 | 2,809 | -1,112 |
| Leather District | 145 | 178 | 220 | 75 |
| Mission Hill | 1,904 | 1,540 | 1,871 | -33 |
| North End | 3,579 | 3,438 | 4,163 | 584 |
| Roslindale | 340 | 425 | 313 | -27 |
| Roxbury | 493 | 437 | 536 | 43 |
| South Boston | 12,942 | 13,301 | 16,193 | 3,251 |
| South End | 9,560 | 9,785 | 11,925 | 2,365 |
| West End | n/a | n/a | 138 | 138 |
| West Roxbury | 510 | 462 | 578 | 68 |
| Total | 76,050 | 76,986 | 84,016 | 7,828 |

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