## **ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA**

## AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO RESIDENTS' PERMITS, RESIDENTS' MOTORCYCLE BAY ONLY SOLO MOTORCYCLE PERMITS, ANTIQUE DEALERS' PERMITS, CAR CLUB PERMITS, DOCTORS' PERMITS, PURPLE BADGES AND TEMPORARY PERMITS AND THE USE OF RESIDENTS' PARKING PLACES AND CLERICAL CHANGE IN RELATION TO A PAY ON STREET TARIFF AREA

The Kensington and Chelsea (Charged–For Parking Places) (Amendment No. \*\*) Order 202\* and The Kensington and Chelsea (Free Parking Places, Loading Bays and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. \*) Order 202\*

- 1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
- 2. The general effect of the Orders would be:
  - (a) in relation to applications for permits, to remove the limit on the number of passengers a vehicle can carry to qualify as a passenger vehicle and increase the size limits of passenger vehicles and light goods vehicles so that the maximum dimensions would be 220cm wide, 232cm high and 565cm long (an increase of 3.4cm to the height, 16.4cm to the length and no change to the width);
  - (b) when vehicles are hired for less than three months, to issue a residents' permit to expire on the hire end date; the charge for this permit would be the three-month permit price and would not be refundable;
  - (c) in relation to applications for residents' permits and residents' motorcycle bay only solo motorcycle permits, to:
    - remove the requirement to live in the Borough for at least six months each year if a resident is named in Council Tax records (the requirement for the property to be the main, permanent home would remain);
    - (ii) provide that where a fixed term tenancy is used as proof of address, the permit would be valid for the length of the tenancy only;
    - (iii) change the requirement from having a driving licence that is valid in the UK to any nonexpired driving licence regardless of country of issue;
    - (iv) allow overseas workers who are in the UK for a set period of time to have a permit for a foreign vehicle, provided an HMRC customs relief form for the vehicle is provided;
    - (v) allow students with their main family home in the Borough to apply for a permit in relation to that home, in addition to any permit issued in relation to their university home; and
    - (vi) provide that six-month permits for non-UK registered vehicles can be issued to new residents who can prove their refugee status, without providing vehicle documents relating to the vehicle or a driving licence;
  - (d) to provide that doctors working in the Borough would no longer be eligible for new residents' permits or doctors permits. Doctors who are already resident permit holders or doctor permit holders would be able to renew their permit;
  - (e) in relation to the issue of one-month temporary permits, where a replacement vehicle is borrowed from an individual, to no longer require a Vehicle Registration document (V5C) and letter from the owner be provided in order to issue a one-month temporary permit when proof is supplied by a garage or insurer that the vehicle for which the permit was originally issued is being repaired;
  - (f) to require all vehicles that are more than three years old to have a valid MOT, as a condition of use of residents' parking places. If such a vehicle does not have an MOT then any parking permit or purple badge issued for that vehicle could be withdrawn; and
  - (g) to make certain other clerical changes relating to the application for, issue, granting or withdrawal of and refunds for permits so as to bring the provisions of the relevant Traffic Orders in line with the way in which the permit system currently operates and relating to pay on street tariff areas applicable to Sirdar Road, to reflect the current on-street charges.
- 3. A copy of the proposed Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the scheme may be obtained via email by contacting <u>trafficorders@rbkc.gov.uk</u> quoting reference: "Resident permit criteria" and can be inspected at the Customer Service Centre, Kensington and Chelsea

Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

- 4. Anyone who wishes to support or object to these proposals or make any other representations in respect of them, should send a statement in writing to that effect, and in the case of an objection, stating the grounds thereof to: <u>trafficorders@rbkc.gov.uk</u> or Traffic Orders, Transport Policy, Transport and Regulatory Services, The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London, W8 7NX quoting reference "Resident permit criteria" by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.
- 5. If you would like to discuss or obtain further information about this proposal, please telephone Antoneta Horbury (Transport Policy Manager) on 020 7361 2094 or email trafficorders@rbkc.gov.uk
- 6. Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, any letter you write to the Council in response to this Notice may be made available to the press and to the public, who would be entitled to take copies of it if they so wished.

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