

The County has been working with the Bolinas community for several years to address parking concerns in the downtown area. These concerns center around lack of adequate parking turnover on the public roadways (Brighton Ave. and Wharf Rd.) to support access to the public beach and for homeowners and visitors of residential properties to park vehicles near the residence. This limitation of available on street parking is primarily due to the volume and extended parking of visitor vehicles on the street as well as the limited number of other public parking options in the area.

The residential parking permit program will allow residents reasonable expectation that on street parking will be available for their overnight use and the vehicle length restriction will require vehicles larger than a standard parking stall to park somewhere other than downtown Bolinas. Both of these will encourage parking turnover for residents and visitors alike.

The existing, temporary overnight parking restrictions that were approved in 2017 are due to sunset in November 2023. This proposal would replace those restrictions as a permanent parking solution.

The attached Parking Inventory study memo was used as the basis to establish the number of available parking spaces in the area. The parking permit program would allow issuance of up to a maximum 50% of the number of available spaces on the residential side of Brighton. The proposed Residential Parking Permit program is intended to address the ongoing issue of lack of supply of onstreet parking for residents and visitors alike. The issue is essentially the same as the previous but allows for a more permanent (rather than as a demonstration for 2 years) solution that lets the Sheriff's Department enforce the restrictions. They have committed to consistent enforcement since this solution does not have any gray areas like the prior restrictions related to vehicle types.

BCPUD will administer the parking permit program (see attached letter). Below are details of the proposed Bolinas Residential Parking Permit Program and Vehicle Length Restriction.

1. Request residential parking permit program approval for downtown Bolinas area:
 - a. On the residential side of each street, establish overnight parking restriction (2am-5am) for all vehicles, except those displaying residential parking permit (locations to be clarified based on parking availability study)
 - b. Residential permit holders to be exempt from overnight parking restrictions on designated areas of the street
 - c. Residential Permits to be valid on only one side of street
 - d. Only residents of restricted, downtown streets qualify for permits. Permit applications must clearly identify that the applicant resides within an exempt location via documentation
 - e. Up to two permits may be issued per household, with consideration for special circumstances on as-needed basis.
 - f. Total available permits not to exceed 50% of the available spaces on the affected streets, and as need is demonstrated.
 - g. Residential permit holders must move vehicle at least every 72 hours, in compliance with existing Marin County Code
 - h. Permit must be permanently affixed to vehicle(s) registered at eligible addresses
 - i. Must renew permit(s) regularly (1-2 years)
 - j. Marin County Sheriff Office (MCSO) to work with managing agency (BCPUD) to develop program
 - k. MCSO to provide enforcement

2. Vehicle length restriction

a. Restrict vehicle lengths to 22' or less on the non-residential side of Brighton Ave., effective only during the hours of 11:00p to 5:00a

b. Restrict vehicle lengths to 22' or less on Wharf Ave. south of the Bolinas Museum (see map) at all times due to restricted vehicle turnaround space