

**Topic: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LOADING ZONE PERMITS (Formerly known as Truck Loading Zone Permits)**

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2004-679, Chapter 45

1. Who is required to obtain this permit?

All persons wishing to park in a commercial vehicle loading zone in the Central Business District (within the circumference of I-10, 45, and 59 freeways). This ordinance DOES NOT CURRENTLY APPLY TO AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD).

2. When does this ordinance go into effect? The ordinance is effective December 20th, 2004.

3. Why do I need to obtain a permit to load or unload my materials or goods?

This new ordinance will facilitate traffic mobility and curb abuse of existing commercial vehicle loading zones.

4. I'm bringing materials in from out of state; do I need to purchase a permit?

As an alternative to obtaining a permit, the operator of a commercial vehicle may park the vehicle in a commercial vehicle loading zone space or spaces during posted hours of operation for the zone by paying a fee of \$5 per hour per metered space at the meter(s) in that zone.

5. How much is the fee?

Class A - \$1,200 year. A Class A permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance. A commercial vehicle with a Class A truck loading zone permit may park in a commercial vehicle loading zone or may occupy 1-2 metered automobile spaces without payment of the usual meter fee for a period not to exceed two (2) hours. Permit transferable to another commercial vehicle operated by permittee.

Class B - \$300 year. A Class B permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance. May park in a commercial vehicle loading zone for a period not to exceed one (1) hour. Permit transferable to another commercial vehicle operated by permittee.

Class C - \$150 year. A Class C permit will be valid for one year from the date of issuance. May park in a commercial vehicle loading zone for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. Permit transferable to another commercial vehicle operated by permittee.

Class D - \$25 for 21 consecutive days. A Class D permit is valid for a period not to exceed 21 consecutive days. May park in a commercial vehicle loading zone for a period not to exceed one (1) hour. Only one Class "D" permit per vehicle may be issued to any vehicle owner within a 12-month period.

**Class E – NO LONGER AVAILABLE. Refer customer to PWE Traffic 713-837-7236 (8 A - 12 P and 1 P - 4:30 P Mondays thru Fridays) for purchase of Lane Closure Permit.**

6. Who issues this permit?

Parking Management Division of Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department

7. Where do I go to pay the fee?

Parking Management Office  
1001 Avenida de las Americas  
George R. Brown Convention Center, next to Exhibit Hall A

8. Where can I find a copy of the Commercial Vehicle Loading Zone Ordinance and permit application?

Not online yet. Fax applications to 713.853.8278.

Who can I contact to request more information? Please call Parking Management at 713.853.8100 for all questions and comments.