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RICHMOND UPON THAMES

CO2 Emissions Based Parking in Richmond upon Thames

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Dear Resident,

In line with our pledge to put the environment at the heart of everything we do, we are now introducing the second stage of the Council's ground-breaking work to promote greener travel in the borough.

We want to encourage all drivers to think about the cars they drive and reward those who drive the least polluting. We are, therefore, introducing borough wide parking charges which will vary based on your vehicles CO2 emission. This follows on from the policy introduced in 2007 linking resident parking permits to CO2 emissions.

The new scheme will cover all Council owned car parks (except the two multi-storey car parks) as well as 'on street' pay and display bays. It is anticipated that the two multi-storey car parks will soon be included in the scheme.

While there is a general increase in charges I am pleased to announce that about 70 percent of motorists will be eligible for either no increase in parking charges or have their parking charges cut by half.

I am also introducing, during these difficult economic times, special measures to help local businesses. Full details of all these measures can be found inside this leaflet.

Cllr David Trigg,
Cabinet Member for Traffic, Transport and Parking



CO2 Emissions Based Parking

To ensure that you are paying the right amount for your vehicle you will need to use either the new RichmondCard or pay by mobile phone. You will need to register your vehicle using one of these two methods to obtain the discounts.

Many drivers in the borough have already signed up to the RingGo service. This is a pre-register mobile phone cashless parking scheme. Those who have already signed up for this will automatically receive the CO2 discount if applicable.

If you do not pre-register your vehicle with either RingGo or the RichmondCard you will be charged the full tariff rate when parking.



The new RichmondCard is a rechargeable card that can be credited with a cash value (similar to the Oyster Card) and used to pay for parking at our car parks or at any 'on street' parking pay and display machine. (Initially it will not operate in the two multi-storey car parks but it is anticipated that this should be possible from November 2009).

Your RichmondCard will store the registration number of your car and the relevant DVLA emissions banding. When you use the card at a pay and display machine, you will be charged based on this information. The tariffs will be displayed at all pay and display machines.

Each time the card is used, the cost of the ticket purchased can be deducted from the value on the card. The benefits of a RichmondCard are that it provides a convenient, cashless way of parking and for those with low or medium polluting cars the advantage of lower charges.

See the tables on the next page for the DVLA emissions banding information.

Topping-up

The cards may be topped-up with a cash value at any pay and display machine in the borough. You can also return your card to the Council for 'topping up' and your card will be returned within seven working days. There are plans in the future to be able to also top your cards up online.

How much does it cost?

There is a one-off administration charge of £2.50 to register the card and they can be topped up to a maximum of £25. For applications received before 2 November 2009 there will be no administration fee.

RingGo

RingGo is a quick and easy to use mobile phone service, allowing you to pay for your parking with a credit or debit card rather than using cash at a pay and display machine. When you park in an area which features the RingGo service, you can simply dial the local number shown on nearby signs and pay for your parking over the phone. Drivers who have already signed up to RingGo will automatically receive the CO2 discount.



DVLA emissions banding

Vehicles first registered on or before 28/02/2001

Range of engine size (cubic centimetres)	Tariff adjustment
Up to and including 1,300 cc	Low -50%
1,301 to 2,000 cc	Medium -25%
Over 2,000 cc	Standard rate

Vehicles first registered on or after 01/03/2001

Range of CO2 emissions (g/km)	Vehicle Band	Tariff Adjustment
Below 120g/km (inclusive)	A – C	Low -50%
121g/km to 185g/km	D – I	Medium -25%
186g/km and above	J – M	Standard rate

20:20 Parking (from 1 October 2009)

In a bid to support local business and encourage more visits to our shops, there is now cut-price parking across the borough. The first 20 minutes of on-street parking will now only cost 20p. If, however, your car is classed as low/medium in terms of CO2 emissions and you are paying by RingGo or the RichmondCard it will only cost 10p for 20 minutes.

Thursday afternoon parking (from 1 October 2009)

Every Thursday, between 3pm and 6.30pm, parking off street (including the multi-storey car parks) will be at a discounted rate.

For low/medium emission cars parking will only cost £1 while even for the higher emission cars the parking charge will be reduced to £1.50. This fee is for the full 3.5 hours.

For more information on the RichmondCard or RingGo –

Go to: www.richmond.gov.uk/parking

Call: 020 8831 6301 for information about the RichmondCard.

Call: 0203 0460 010 for information about RingGo.