



RENTERS GUIDE TO LONG-TERM PARKING

In Downtown Madison



A Steve Brown Apartments Guidebook

A Renter's Guide to Downtown Parking

Renting in Downtown Madison comes with a lifestyle that can't be beat. You're within walking distance to restaurants, entertainment, and for many people, work. It's entirely possible to get by without owning a car.

Inconceivable? For most of Madison's downtown residents the answer is a resounding "Yes!" Even with so much in reach, many downtown residents own cars, making long-term downtown parking a must-have item.

There are plenty of downtown parking options available for renters, but it can take some deciphering to map out all of your options. That's why we've put together this complete **Renter's Guide to Long-Term Parking in Downtown Madison** to help you out. It's organized into three main categories:

1. City Streets
2. City Parking Garages and Lots
3. Private Rentals



An Overview of Long-Term Parking Options

Long-Term Parking Options	Pros	Cons	Costs
City Streets	Free, no commitment, affordable residential parking permits available	Hard to find, time limits, alternate side parking, snow emergencies, permits have location limitations, expensive tickets, meters	Non-metered is free, expect to pay less than \$2/hr. for metered and less than \$25/yr. for a residential parking permit
City Parking Garages and Lots	Easy to find, no commitment, covered parking, monthly rates available	Expensive, can be full, can be pay upon entry, overnight is limited	Expect to pay between \$180 and \$250/mo.
Private Rentals	Consistent, plentiful, most locations to choose from, covered parking options	Expensive, requires a lease commitment, possible illegal parkers	Expect to pay \$60-\$150/mo. for lot parking and \$200-\$300/mo. for garage parking

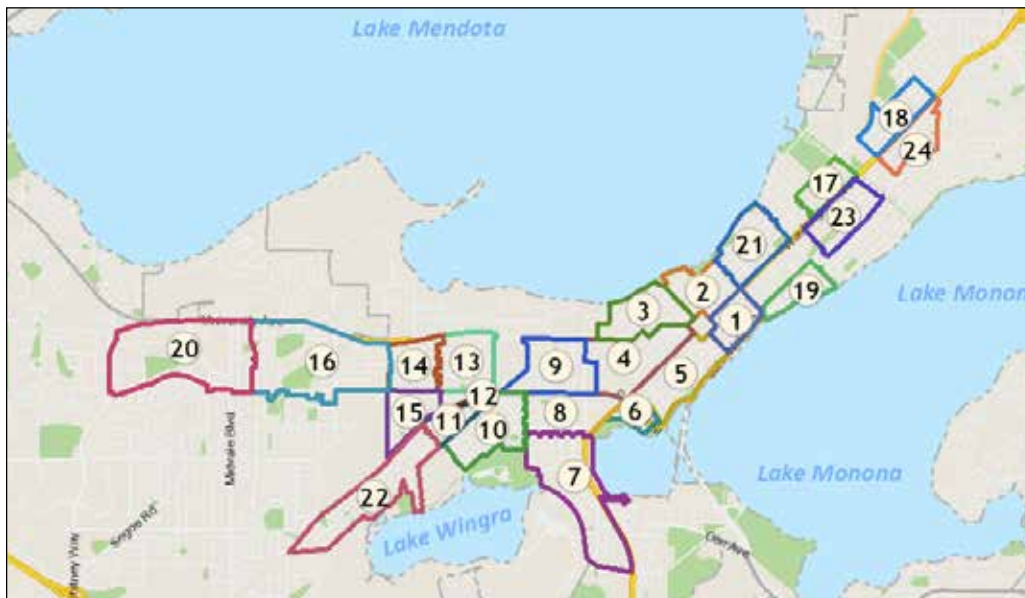
City Street Parking

How Long-Term Parking Works:

Residents who live in an area covered by the **Residential Parking Permit Program** (see map below) may purchase permits from the Madison Parking Division Office. These permits allow residents of that area to exceed the posted one or two hour parking limit on the street, allowing up to 48 hours of contiguous street parking on non-metered streets.

- The permit costs less than \$25 for a year and can be obtained [here](#).
- Learn more and apply for a permit on the [City of Madison Residential Parking Permit website](#).

Where You'll Find Long-Term Parking:



Map Source: <https://cityofmadison.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9240a22c6f4348bf99eb56a01193a1a6>

The city suggests that residents in areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9 seek alternatives to on-street parking for their vehicles. The number of permits issued is greater than the number of on-street parking spaces available in these areas.

Be Aware:

- Several permit parking areas in the Central Business District are very crowded. Therefore, the permits allow residents of an area to park for up to 48 hours when they *find a space*.
- **A Residential Parking Permit does NOT guarantee you a parking place** and is not available for every street. It allows you the right to park for a longer time frame **IF** you find a parking space.
- **Alternate side parking rules are in effect during the winter** which limits available parking spaces.
- Permit parking isn't allowed on all streets in the zone. [Click here](#) to see a list of ineligible streets and addresses.

Parking in City Parking Garages and Lots

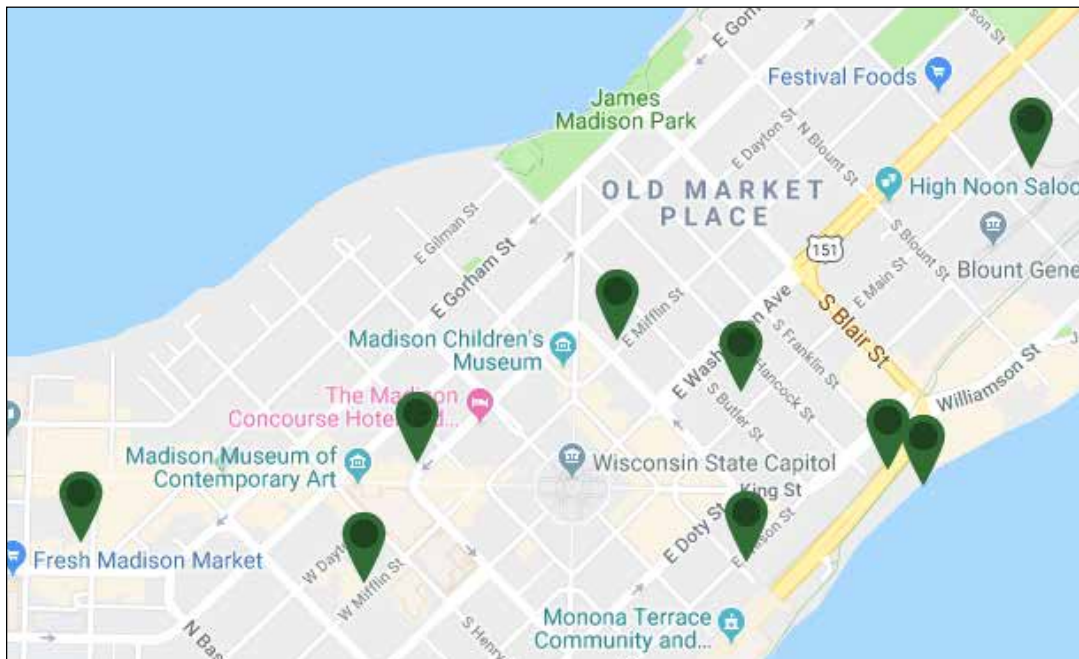
How Long-Term Parking Works:

Residents who live in Madison can purchase a Monthly Parking Plan from the Madison Parking Division Office.

- The 24/7 Unlimited Use plan ranges from \$180-\$250 and allows unlimited parking.
- A monthly parking permit guarantees parking availability for you in the garage or lot, but there are no assigned parking stalls.
- Learn how to apply for a permit on the [City of Madison Monthly Parking Permits website](#).

Where You'll Find Long-Term Parking:

There are nine downtown garage or lot locations where the City of Madison rents monthly parking. The 24/7 Unlimited Use plan is not offered at the Brayton, Livingston, Wilson or Blair lots.



Map Source: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parking-utility/permits/monthly-parking-permits>

Be Aware:

- Monthly parking permits require a minimum of a 30 day agreement and a written cancellation notice to the Parking Utility at least 30 days in advance of the date you wish to discontinue participation.
- Some garages and lots may not have current availability; waiting lists are available for facilities that are full. [See current availability here](#).

Private Parking Rentals

How Long-Term Parking Works:

Parking at privately owned residences through property owners and property management companies is available throughout downtown Madison. You'll find a variety of options, including:

- Heated and unheated parking in garages
- Covered parking lot spaces (carport)
- Individual parking spaces in parking lots – gated and ungated
- Individual parking spaces behind houses or in driveways

Where You'll Find Long-Term Parking:

You have multiple options, but it will take a little digging. Here are some links:

- [Steve Brown Apartments Parking](#)
- [Craigslist](#)
- [Campus Area Housing](#)
- [Parkopedia](#)
- [Park Me](#)
- Search for individual property owners websites
- Look for signage on buildings

Be Aware:

- You'll get a guaranteed space, but beware of illegal parkers taking your space. It's a common occurrence and property owners have to go through the City of Madison to have illegal parkers towed.
- Most private parking rental companies will want a 12-month, lease, but many will do month-to-month or winter only parking as well. Availability depends on supply and demand.



This parking guide is brought to you by Steve Brown Apartments, one of the largest providers of downtown Madison apartments and rental parking spaces. We hope you found it useful. If you have any questions regarding rental options, be sure to [visit our website](#) for a complete listing.