

P.I.P.C. SENIOR PARKING EXEMPTION F.A.Q.'s

What is a P.I.P.C. Senior Parking Exemption?

A senior exemption allows those who are eligible the ability to park free of charge in the following areas: Ross Dock Picnic Area, Englewood Picnic Area, Alpine Picnic Area, State Line Lookout, Allison Park, and Fort Lee Historic Park.

Who is eligible?

Only New Jersey senior citizens (62 years of age or older) with a valid New Jersey driver license and New Jersey vehicle registration are eligible.

How long is the exemption good for?

Your exemption is valid for 12 months, from the time of approval.

How much does the exemption cost?

There is a \$5.00 processing fee. Paid by check if applying by mail or in person.

How do I apply for an exemption?

There are 3 ways you can apply:

In Person: Visit the Fort Lee Historic Park Visitor Center on Hudson Terrace in Fort Lee New Jersey, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. Parking fees must be paid at area pay stations upon arrival.

By Mail: Download the application from www.njpalisades.org/parking Further instructions on the application.

Online: Go to njpalisades.org/parking and follow the link to our secure online portal to create an account. Once an account is created and information is submitted the system will contact you via e-mail to make payment.

If you're re-applying online, go into your account and apply for a **NEW** permit. Information does not carry over from one year to the next.

For assistance on the application process please call 201-705-5979.

What documents do I need to submit?

You need to submit a completed application, a copy of your valid New Jersey driver license, a copy of your valid New Jersey vehicle registration, a check for \$5.00 made out to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. An email address must also be provided to receive approval notifications and updates. If you don't have an email or don't want to create one you may use a friend's or family member's.

Please note: your first and last name must be listed on your vehicle registration and must match the first and last name on your driver's license.

Those leasing a vehicle are not eligible for an exemption unless they can provide the full leased vehicle registration slip that includes their first and last name. Supporting documentation like insurance cards and leased vehicle contracts are not accepted.

How long will it take to process my application?

It may take up to 10 business days to process your application, in the meantime you will have to pay area parking fees. Applications are not processed on weekends and state holidays.

How will I know when I can park for free/my exemption is active?

If you registered in person or by mail, you would receive a confirmation email from parking@njpalisades.org that states: Congratulations! For the next 12 months you may park for free...

If you registered through our online portal, you would receive a confirmation email from **CaleWebOffice** that states: Congratulations! For the next 12 months you may park for free....

Please do not delete your confirmation email, it will serve as a reminder of your exemption expiration.

Please note that emails from our online portal may end up in your junk folder.

What do I do when I visit the park with my exemption?

Simply, park in a legal parking space. Your license plate number is listed in the parking enforcement software used by Police officers that enforce parking measures.

Will I get something to put in my car to show I'm exempt?

No. You won't receive a physical permit i.e. sticker, decal, hangtag, placard, or ID card. We put your license plates into the parking system database and that's how the police will know you're exempt.

I drive a company car. Can I get an exemption?

You must provide proof that you work for the company listed on the registration, i.e., a business card, a letter from the company, or work I.D.

What if I come in a different car other than what I registered?

You must pay the parking fee using area pay stations or mobile apps.

What if I buy/lease a new car?

Mail us a copy of your new registration, which includes your first and last name, and we will update your exemption. Your exemption will be cancelled if your name does not appear on your vehicle registration card or slip.

Can I use my NJ DEP Senior Pass, Bergen County Senior Pass, or NJ DEP Disability Pass for free entry?

No. We no longer have attendants at park entrances who physically check passes so seniors' vehicles must be in the database. With a valid placard or hangtag, you can park in the handicapped spaces but without an exemption, you must pay at the meters.

I'm a disabled vet and/or have received a Purple Heart. Do I have to pay?

Not if you display any state government-issued license plates and/or hangtags identifying you as such. Without this ID, disabled vets/Purple Heart recipients must pay at the meters.

Why did I get a parking summons even though I have a senior exemption?

You came in a vehicle other than the one you registered with us.

You forgot to update us with your new registration after purchasing or leasing a new vehicle.

You parked in an illegal space.

You parked in a handicapped space without proper ID.

You parked at Hazard's Boat Launching Ramp.

You parked before your exemption was activated.

For more information contact the Palisades Interstate Parkway Police Court at court@njpalisades.org or 201-768-8702