

SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL



PARKING PLACES BYE-LAWS 2024 DRAFT.

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Sligo County Council in exercise of the powers vested in them by Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, (No. 7 of 1994) and having consulted with the Commissioner of An Garda Siochana, hereby makes the following Bye-Laws :-

PART I Preliminary

1. These Bye Laws may be cited as the Sligo County Council Parking Places Bye Laws 2024.
2. These Bye-Laws apply to the area comprising the administrative area of Sligo County Council.
3. In these Bye-Laws :-

“The Regulations of 1997” means the Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 182 of 1997).

“The Signs Regulations of 1997” means the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 181 of 1997).

4. In these Bye-Laws :-

“Age Friendly Parking” these spaces are courtesy spaces, and it is hoped that motorists will enter into the spirit of this initiative and leave them free for older persons who need them. Where there is a parking fee this parking fee applies. Age Friendly car parking stickers can be distributed via Older People’s Council/Council upon registration (AF1-Parking-Space-Guide.pdf Attached.)

“agent of the Council” means any person employed by Sligo County Council or any other person authorised by the Council to carry out functions under these Bye-Laws;

“appointed stands” has the meaning conferred by section 15 of the Road Traffic Act 2002.

“business hours” with respect to any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday which is not a holiday, the period commencing at 8.30am. and terminating at 6.30 pm and any day that is a public holiday, the period commencing 12.00 noon and terminating at 6.00pm.

“carer” means a person who is providing care to a Resident who requires on-going daily care for a chronic illness.

“carer's parking permit” means a document issued by Sligo County Council which fulfils the purpose of bye-laws Nos. 23 – 27.

“casual trading hours” are the hours assigned in the Casual Trading Act 1995 and the Sligo County Council casual trading bye laws 2018.

“contractor’s permit” means a valid contractor’s permit issued by Sligo County Council to a Contractor who is performing work in the pay and display area or within a restricted area of the County Council.

“disabled persons parking permit” means a permit granted in accordance with Article 43 of the Regulations of 1997;

“electrically powered vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle that is powered—

- a) solely by means of a re-chargeable battery, or
- b) by means of a re-chargeable battery and an internal combustion

“electrically powered vehicle recharging bay” means a space intended for the parking of an electrically powered vehicle while the vehicle’s battery is being re-charged;”

“electronic parking” is the Council’s pay on-line, pay by text, pay by phone option to pay for on-street / on-road parking

“Free Park 20 ” means a vehicle can remain parked within the predesignated parking bays for twenty minutes only.

“Free Park 20 ” includes each of the 20 minutes parking bays provided by Sligo County Council being those described as Johns Street; Grattan Street; Market Street; Stephen Street; Quay Street; Thomas Street and Fish Quay.

“goods vehicle” has the meaning assigned to it in Article 4 of the Regulations of 1997; that is a vehicle used exclusively for carrying goods and taxed for commercial purposes;

“holiday” means Good Friday or any day that is a public holiday for the purposes of the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1973 (No. 25 of 1973) as amended.

“loading bay” has the meaning assigned to it in Article 42 of the Regulations of 1997 and is indicated by means of traffic sign no. RRM 009 of the Signs Regulations accompanied by an information plate or as marked appropriately on the ground as a

location on which at certain times, a vehicle being a goods vehicle which is being used for loading or unloading may be lawfully parked. A vehicle other than a goods vehicle shall not be parked during the period which shall be indicated on the information plate.

“officer of Sligo County Council” means a person employed by Sligo County Council or its Agents having duties relating to the operation, management and control of car parks.

“owner” means a resident by whom a vehicle is habitually kept and used.

“parking bay” means a space in a parking area or any other place on a road intended for the parking of a mechanically propelled vehicle or electric vehicle where parking sign no. RRM 011, RRM 012, RRM 013, RRM 014 or RRM 016 is provided;

“parking fee” means the fee payable in accordance with these bye-laws for parking in the parking area;

“pay and display parking ticket” means a ticket which is issued by Sligo County Council by means of a pay and display parking ticket issuing machine, which contains the following particulars:

- (a) the words Comhairle Chontae Shligigh and/or “Sligo County Council”,
- (b) the fee paid in respect of the ticket,
- (c) the date and time of issue of the ticket,
- (d) the time of expiry of the ticket;

“pay and display parking area” has the meaning assigned in Article 4 of the Regulations of 1997.

“pay through parking tag” Is a way to pay for parking using a mobile phone. Set up an auto top up account and charge the parking fee to your parking tag account via an app, text message or by phone, or you can pay at any business or retail premises where you see the Pink Payzone sign displayed on their window.

“resident” means a person whose primary place of residence is at premises situated in a street containing a pay and display area.

“resident’s parking permit” means a document issued by Sligo County Council for the purposes of Bye-Laws **16 to 21** and containing the particulars specified in Bye-Law **16**.

“resident only area” means a parking area designated for use only by residents holding a valid residents parking permit.

“retail parking” is the Council’s pay in store option to pay for on-street / on-road parking.

“valid parking ticket” means a parking ticket:

- a) which has been issued by Sligo County Council by means of the parking ticket machine, which clearly indicates the minute of the hour of commencement of parking of the vehicle and the time at which the parking period expires and the parking ticket shall be so exhibited in accordance with these bye-laws.
- b) which indicates no other year, month, date or minute and, indicates that the vehicle is so parked for a period not exceeding the period for which it may be parked in a pay and display parking place in accordance with these bye-laws.

“valid resident’s parking permit” means a resident’s parking permit issued in respect of the vehicle in which the permit is displayed and which relates to a particular pay and display area(s) **named on the permit** and to a period which has not expired and which is issued by Sligo County Council in respect of the pay and display area(s) on which the vehicle is parked.

“vehicle” means a private (electric or mechanically propelled) motor car, a station wagon or a passenger vehicle having accommodation for not more than seven passengers excluding the driver.

“visitor” means one who visits, calls on, or makes a stay with the resident or is engaged by the resident to carry out works on the dwelling;

“visitor parking permit” means a visitor-parking permit issued by Sligo County Council, its agents or authorised officers only containing the particulars specified in bye-law No. 22.

PART II
Paid Parking

5. Where a vehicle is parked on-street in a pay and display parking area during business hours, including an electrically powered vehicle parked in a vehicle recharging bay and where this vehicle is charging, the vehicle shall display:
- (i) a valid parking ticket or
 - (ii) a valid residents parking permit or
 - (iii) a valid disabled persons parking permit or
 - (iv) a valid visitors permit or
 - (v) a valid carer's permit or
 - (vi) a valid contractor's permit or
 - (vii) alternatively have pre-paid for parking through approved retail or electronic channels

such that for each daily, hourly, part of an hour (minimum period of 20 minutes increasing at five minute intervals up to one hour) or two hourly period as appropriate during which it is so parked:

- a. In the case of **(i)** above, a valid pay and display parking ticket which clearly indicates the minute of the hour of commencement of parking of the vehicle and the time at which the parking period expires in respect of on-street parking in a pay and display area.
 - b. In the case of **(ii)**, **(iv)** **(v)** and **(vi)** above markings indicating the year, month, day in the month, when the parking commences shall be made on a parking permit at such commencement in respect of on-street parking in pay and display area.
 - c. A valid parking ticket, valid disabled persons permit, valid residents parking permit, valid visitors permit, valid carer's permit or a valid contractor's permit shall be exhibited in accordance with this bye law in respect of each hour or day as appropriate for so long as the vehicle is parked on-street during business hours.
 - d. A valid parking ticket shall be so exhibited in the interior of the vehicle such that an Officer of Sligo County Council outside the vehicle can ascertain by reference to the markings when the parking commenced.
 - e. In the case of **(vii)** above, a valid electronic payment or retail payment do not require a ticket to be displayed.
6. Where a vehicle which had been parked in a pay and display parking area for a period less than the maximum parking period in accordance with bye-law 7 of these bye-laws for that pay and display parking area, is subsequently lawfully parked in another pay and display parking area on the same day, it shall not be necessary,

subject to compliance with paragraph **5 (i) (d) and 5 (i)(c)** of this bye-law, to comply with paragraph **5 (i)(a)** of this bye-law.

7. (1) A vehicle parked in a pay and display parking area during business hours shall not be so parked for longer than the period indicated as the maximum parking period for that pay and display parking area by means of an authorised information plate accompanying traffic sign Number RUS-018 authorised by the Regulations of 1997.
- (2) Where a vehicle which had been lawfully parked in a pay and display, is subsequently lawfully parked in another pay and display parking area, the period to which the subsequent parking is restricted by paragraph **7 (1)** of this Bye-Law shall be reduced by a period equal to the period from the time indicated on the parking ticket to the time when the subsequent parking commenced.
8. Where a vehicle is parked in a pay and display parking area during business hours a person shall not interfere with a parking ticket exhibited in the vehicle.
9. A vehicle parked in a pay and display parking area at a time which is not during business hours shall be removed from the pay and display parking area when a period of business hours commences, unless at such commencement and during the remainder of the period of parking, a valid parking ticket is exhibited in the interior of the vehicle in accordance with Bye-Law **5(i)(d)** of these Bye-Laws and Bye-Law **5(i)(c)** of these Bye-Laws shall apply from such commencement in respect of such parking.
10. A vehicle which had been parked in a pay and display parking area shall not be parked again in a pay and display parking area in the public road in which that pay and display parking area is situated until at least one hour after the vehicle last vacated that pay and display parking area.
11. Parking Tickets shall be issued by the parking ticket machine provided.
12. The minimum parking period will be 20 minutes. The fee for a parking ticket shall be €0.40 cent for twenty minutes. Parking period will increase at 5 minute intervals and the fee per 5 minute interval will be €0.10 cent. The fee for a parking ticket shall be €1.20 for one full hour.
13. A vehicle which is parked in a pay and display parking area during business hours shall, where parking bays are provided at that pay and display parking area be parked within the area comprising a parking bay.

A motor cycle or a pedal cycle shall not be parked during business hours in a pay and display parking area.

PART III
Permit Parking for Residents, Visitors & Carers

14. A resident's parking permit may be issued by the Council or its agents in respect of the parking of a vehicle on a street / road which is a pay and display parking area.
15. A resident's parking permit may be only issued by the Council or its agents in respect of the parking of a vehicle on a street / road subject to Parking Restrictions Bye laws drawing no. R2304-A.
16. The person applying for a resident's parking permit must provide adequate evidence that the property at which they are applying for this permit is their primary place of residence. Such acceptable evidence will be as determined by Sligo County Council
17. A resident's parking permit shall contain the following particulars :-
 - (a) the words Sligo County Council /Comhairle Chontae Shligigh;
 - (b) the make and registration number of the vehicle in respect of which it is issued,
 - (c) the date of issue,
 - (d) the street or streets to which it relates,
 - (e) the period to which it relates, including the date of expiry,
 - (f) a copy of the signature, and the description, of the officer of the local authority issuing it.
18. The display, in accordance with bye-law **16** of these bye-laws of a valid resident's parking permit on the vehicle in respect of which the permit was issued, shall permit the owner of the vehicle (or any person using it with his consent) to park it without limitation as to time, in a pay and display parking area, in a street to which the permit relates up to and including the date of expiry displayed on the permit.
19. A valid resident's parking permit shall be so displayed in the interior of the vehicle in respect of which it is issued that it can be read from outside the vehicle.
20. Where a vehicle displaying a resident's parking permit is parked in a pay and display parking area a person shall not interfere with the permit.
 - (1) A resident's parking permit shall be issued by Sligo County Council in respect of the parking of a vehicle in a pay and display parking area in its functional area.
 - (2) The fee for a resident's parking permit shall be €50.00.

- (3) A resident's parking permit shall be issued by Sligo County Council in respect of the vehicle of which the resident is the owner and shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue, in respect of that vehicle and for the pay and display area to which the permit relates.
21. (1) Where, during the period to which a resident's parking permit relates, the resident to whom it is issued ceases to reside at the address specified on the permit or ceases to be an owner by disposing of the vehicle to which the permit relates, he shall return it (addressed to the person a copy of whose signature appears on it) to Sligo County Council.
 - (2) Where, during the period to which a resident's parking permit relates, the resident to whom it is issued disposes of the vehicle to which the permit relates and substitutes another vehicle for the one disposed of, he shall return the permit (addressed to the person a copy of whose signature appears on it) to Sligo County Council which, upon payment of a fee of €10.00 by the resident, shall either insert the make and registration number of the substituted vehicle on the permit or issue to the resident a new permit in respect of that vehicle, and such new permit shall be valid for the period specified.
22. No resident shall be entitled to hold a Residents Parking Permit in respect of more than one vehicle.
 23. A visitor's parking permit shall contain the following particulars:
 - (1) the words Sligo County Council /Comhairle Chontae Shligigh;
 - (2) the words 'visitor parking permit';
 - (3) the pay and display area(s) to which it relates;
 - (4) indicates the year, month, day and hour of the commencement of a period of the parking of the vehicle;
 - (5) The vehicle registration number;
 - (6) A copy of the signature, and the description, of the officer of the local authority issuing it.

Visitor's parking permits may be issued by Sligo County Council to a resident in a pay and display area, subject to production of acceptable evidence, in respect of the parking of vehicles which require to be parked temporarily and is ancillary to the use of the applicant's dwelling.

Visitor's parking permits issued under this Bye-Law shall only be valid for use in the pay and display area to which the resident's parking permit relates.

Visitors parking permits issued under this Bye-Law shall permit the vehicle to be parked for a period not in excess of 24 hours from commencement of parking in the pay and display area(s) to which the resident's parking permit relates.

The total number of parking permits for visitors which may be issued to each resident or applicant in accordance with these Bye-Laws is 52 in any 12 month period subject to an overall limit of 104 permits per housing unit.

The fee for each visitor's parking permit shall be €2.50.

The display of a valid visitor parking permit on a vehicle, shall permit the owner of the vehicle (or any person using it with his/her consent) to park it continuously on the date indicated on the displayed visitor parking permit in the pay and display area(s) on a public road to which it relates, provided the parking permit –

- a. has been issued in respect of the pay and display area(s) in which the Vehicle is parked and
- b. shall be so displayed in the interior of the vehicle in respect of which it is issued, in such a manner that the particulars specified thereon can be easily read outside the vehicle.

It shall be an offence for a resident to sell or otherwise dispose of a visitors permit to a person other than a visitor as defined in these Bye-Laws.

23. (1) A resident's parking permit may be issued by Sligo County Council to a non-resident family member(s)/ nominated person(s) or carer who act as voluntary carers for a resident in a pay and display area and who requires on-going daily care for a chronic illness.
- (2) A parking permit shall be issued annually to a qualified resident subject to the submission of proof of residency, submission by a non-resident family member(s) or carer's vehicle insurance certificate and written confirmation from the resident's doctor that the resident requires ongoing daily care for a chronic illness.
- (3) A non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/ carer's parking permit shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue. A maximum of 2 permits may be issued to a qualifying Resident. The fee for the issue of a non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/carer's parking permit(s) shall be €50.00.
- (4) A non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/carer's parking permit may be issued by Sligo County Council to a Resident who requires care in accordance with Bye-Law **23(1)** of these Bye-Laws and who resides at premises situated in a pay and display area. The non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/carer's parking permit shall be issued in respect of the pay and display area(s) in which the normal place of residence

of the person requiring care is situated and one other adjacent area, as the case may be.

24. A non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/carer's parking permit shall be used by Sligo County Council in respect of
 - (a) a motor car;
 - (b) a van;
 - (c) a passenger vehicle (having accommodation for not more than seven passengers excluding the driver).

25. A non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/ Carers Parking Permit shall contain the following particulars:
 - (1) the words Sligo County Council/Comhairle Chontae Shligigh;
 - (2) the residential parking permit area(s) to which it relates,
 - (3) the date of issue,
 - (4) the period to which it relates and date of expiry,
 - (5) carer's permit number,
 - (6) vehicle registration number,
 - (7) a copy of the signature of the officer of the Local Authority issuing the permit.

26. Where, during the period to which a non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/ Carers Parking Permit relates, the resident to whom it is issued ceases to reside at the address specified, he or she shall forthwith return the permit to Sligo County Council. A non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/ Carers Parking Permit is non-transferable and remains the property of Sligo County Council from the date of issue.

27. It shall be an offence for a resident to:
 - (1) Sell or otherwise dispose of a non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/ Carer's Parking Permit.

 - (2) Abuse of a non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/Carer's Parking Permit shall result in the cancellation and or withdrawal of the Parking Permit.

 - (3) To display a void or expired Parking Permit.

Where a resident or applicant submits falsified documentation to support his/her application for a resident's, a non-resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/ carer's parking permit or for a visitors parking permit/permits Sligo County Council may, at its absolute discretion, decide not to issue and/or to cancel a resident's, a non-

resident family member(s)/nominated person(s)/ carer's parking permit or a visitor parking permit/permits to that applicant/resident.

PART IV

Casual Trading Areas / Disabled Parking Areas / Bus & Coach Parking Areas / Residents Only Parking Areas / Appointed Stands / Loading Bays / Free Park 20 / Age friendly parking / EV Parking.

28. (1) A vehicle shall not be parked or left unattended on a parking place which is a casual trading area, during Casual Trading Hours, unless the vehicle is for the time being in use for the purposes of casual trading.
- (2) A vehicle shall not be parked or left unattended on a parking place which is a disabled parking bay, during business hours unless the vehicle is displaying a valid disabled parking permit.
- (3) Vehicles other than buses shall not be parked or left unattended on a part of a Bus/Coach Parking Bay which is a Bus/Coach Parking Bay during business hours.
- (4) A vehicle shall not be parked or left unattended on a parking place which is a "Residents Only Area" unless the vehicle is displaying a valid resident's parking permit or valid visitors permit or a valid carers' permit.
- (5) No vehicle other than a street service vehicle/taxi shall be parked or left unattended in an area which has been designated as an appointed stand.
- (6) No vehicle other than electrically powered vehicle shall be parked on a parking place, which is designated as an electrically powered vehicle recharging bay during business hours unless the vehicle is charging and displaying a valid parking disc.
- (7) A vehicle shall not be parked or left unattended on a parking place which is an Age friendly parking bay, during business hours unless the vehicle is displaying a valid parking disc.
- (8) A vehicle shall not be parked or left unattended on a Free Park 20 for more than twenty minutes.
29. (1) Any vehicle parked or left unattended in a casual trading area during hours of trading will be removed at the expense of the owner.
- (2) Any vehicle parked or left unattended in a disabled parking bay, during business hours, without displaying a valid disabled parking permit, will be removed at the expense of the owner.

- (3) Any vehicles other than buses parked or left unattended in a bus/coach parking bay during business hours will be removed at the expense of the owner.
30. (a) No vehicle other than commercially taxed vehicles are permitted to park in a loading bay for up to 30 minutes, for the purposes of loading and unloading during the period indicated on the information plate. Any other mechanically propelled vehicle and/or electric vehicle parked in a loading bay during the period indicated on the information plate will be issued with a traffic fine unless they hold a valid Contractor's permit issued by Sligo County Council.
- (b) Mechanically propelled vehicles and/or electric vehicles are permitted to park in a loading bay which has been designated a pay and display parking place as per the period indicated on the information plate provided the vehicle displays a valid pay and display parking ticket or a valid permit issued by Sligo County Council.

PART V
Miscellaneous

31. Every person using a parking place shall comply with all lawful directions given by an Officer of Sligo County Council authorised for the purposes of these Bye-Laws by Sligo County Council or by a member of An Garda Síochána in relation to parking of a vehicle in or its removal from a parking place or in relation to any of these Bye-Laws.
32. A person shall not in any parking place wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt or annoy an Officer of Sligo County Council in the execution of his / her duty including the execution of any work in connection with laying out or maintenance of any part of a parking place by Sligo County Council on Staff and Agents.
33. A person shall give on demand to an Officer of Sligo County Council or a member of An Garda Síochána his/her name and address and a person shall not in any parking place resist, obstruct, aid or incite any person to resist or obstruct any Officer of Sligo County Council or other person in the execution of his / her duty or lawful exercise of his /her authority.
34. An Officer of Sligo County Council shall produce, if required to do so, evidence of his/her identity and employment by Sligo County Council as such to any person alleged by him to be in breach of these Bye-Laws.
35. No person other than an agent of the Council, a member of the Garda Síochána, an authorised person, or a Traffic Warden shall interfere anyway with a hood, sign or other device placed on a pay and display parking ticket machine in a ticket-parking place.

36. Any person in breach of these Bye-Laws shall be guilty of an offence and shall be subject to a fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic acts, the Road Traffic Regulations and Traffic Wardens acts.

37. Bye-Laws **5 to 36** of these Bye-Laws shall not apply to :-

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the removal of an obstruction to traffic, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of a public road, the provision, alteration or repair of a main drain, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, oil, water or electricity or of a telegraph or telephone line or the provision of a traffic sign.
- (b) a fire brigade vehicle, an ambulance or a vehicle being used by a member of the Garda Siochana in the performance of his duties as such member.

38. All Day Parking Charges of €3.00 per day will apply to the following Parking Places only:

The Locations are: (As per drawing 2309-A)

- Road thru' City Gate Apts: From Mail Coach Road to Cul de sac end
- Pirn Mill Road: Between Finisklin Road and Ballast Quay
- The Mall: Between Calry Lane and River Lane
- Finisklin Road: From Pirn Mill Road to Rathedmond Road
- St. Brigids Place: From St. Brigid's Place to Boundary of Meter Parking on Mail Coach Road
- Church Hill: From Show grounds entrance to Jinks Ave.

39. Hourly parking charges of €1.20 per hour (€0.40c for 20 minutes increasing at 5 minute intervals at a fee of €0.10c) will apply to the following parking places.

The locations are:

- St Anne's Terrace From its junction at Riverside to its junction at St Anne's
- Holborn Hill From its junction with Barrack St to its junction with the roundabout at Ash Lane/Duck Street

40. All E.V. Parking will apply to the following parking bays:

The locations are: (As per drawing EV Charging locations no. R2303-A):

- Connaughton Road car park
- Riverside road
- Union Place.

41. All Free Park 20 will apply to the following Parking Places only:

The Locations are: (As per drawing Free Park 20 locations no. R2302-A):

- Market street 7 no. with 1 additional Age friendly parking bay.
- Grattan Street 3 no.
- Johns Street 4 no.
- Stephens Street 2 no.
- Quay Street 2 no.
- Fish Quay 1 no. with 1 additional Age friendly parking bay.
- Thomas Street 1 no.

42. All residential parking will apply to the following Street only:
The Locations are (As per drawing Residential on street parking locations no. R2304-A):

- John Street.
- Harmony Hill.
- Charles Street.
- The Lungy and Cathedral View.
- West Gardens.
- Dominic Street.
- High Street.
- Chapel Street.
- Saint Annes Terrace.
- Temple Street (except for in front of Hawks well theatre.)
- Holborn Street.
- Darty view.
- Pearse Road. Residential from Burton Street to Cleveragh Road junction.
- St Brigid's Palace.
- Quay Street.
- Gallows Hill.
- Old Market Street
- John F Kennedy.
- Wolf Tone Street.
- Church Hill.
- Mail Coach Road.
- Emmets Place.
- Union Place.
- Prin Mill Road.
- Knappagh Road.

43. Sligo County Council Parking Places Bye-Laws 2018 are hereby revoked.

44. Sligo County Council's Parking Places Bye Laws 2024 are effective from the of 2024.

MADE AND ADOPTED UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF THE SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL THIS DAY OF 2018.

PRESENT WHEN THE COMMON SEAL OF THE SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL WAS AFFIXED HERETO:

MAYOR OF SLIGO.

HEAD OF FINANCE

DRAFT