

Parking is the number one problem cited by Argyle, Vista Del Mar and Carmen area residents. Argyle Avenue alone is 253 spaces short of having 1 space/unit in a singular block. The Argyle Civic Association is taking extraordinary steps to try and help residents, including offering FREE VOLUNTARY vehicle ID decals to help ascertain whether getting official permit parking might make a difference. The more residents use them, the more helpful they will be. If you want to help improve our community and parking situation, please get a FREE decal.

ACA vehicle registration **FAQ**

Are these decals required to park here? No.

Are the decals a parking permit? No. The decals are an informal identifying tag that shows that your car belongs to a resident. They do **not** give you permission to park anywhere special. This area is still public parking.

Do the decals allow us to park at the top of Vine Street? No. The ACA is still working to get the overnight restrictions removed from Vine Street, but the decals are unrelated to those efforts.

What will the decals do? Help us all assess what percentage of our parking problem is coming from residents, vs.:

- Abandoned +/or stolen vehicles;
- Overflow inventory stored by businesses (vehicle rental businesses, auto mechanics, etc.);
- Cars belonging to non-residents parking on our street and walking to the Fly-Away (\$63 parking ticket is cheaper than 1 week of parking at LAX);
- Employees of area businesses who aren't provided parking
- Vehicles being used as permanent living quarters.

All of these situations have been witnessed. If the ACA finds out that many cars do not belong to residents, we may pursue permit parking as a last-ditch effort to help our residents.

Why not just implement official permit parking now? Permit parking involves monthly fees for all of us, with no guarantee of getting a spot. The decals are a FREE way to help all of us to figure out if permit parking might substantially reduce our parking problem. If we find out all cars parking here belong to residents, we will continue to pursue other directions.

Are the decals legal? They are not required, they are not permits, and they are offered for FREE. We are not aware of any laws being broken by these decals.

Is this unusual? Very. Being 253 spaces short in one block is an unusual problem requiring creative solutions. The ACA is open to ideas from the community.

Meanwhile, we are trying everything we can to help mitigate the shortage, including seeking removal of overnight parking restrictions on Vine Street to add up to 70 more spaces for residents (this change is supported by the LAPD, but is currently being blocked by DOT regulations and Murray Hill Condos).

Why 72 hours? 72-hour street parking is not new nor unique to our area — it is a long-standing city ordinance.

"The California Vehicle Code and Section 80.73.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code prohibit parking or standing of a vehicle upon any city street, highway or alley for 72 or more consecutive hours."

The initial "Now You Know" postcards were an attempt to notify area residents that this law exists. Currently, there is no FREE warning. Offending cars just receive a DOT ticket, then are towed and incur multiple fines. Though we cannot guarantee this, from here out we will attempt to give offending cars a FREE heads up warning using the same "move it or lose it" postcards that it may be in danger of being ticketed and towed.

Who reports the cars? Anyone can report a car as abandoned by calling the DOT at 1-800-ABANDON or by using the link posted on argylecivic.org. DOT needs the vehicle location, license plate, vehicle make and color. Once reported, an LADOT traffic officer will come and mark the car. Three days after that, they will issue a ticket, and if the vehicle is determined to be abandoned, it will be towed and impounded.

What if I need to store my car for longer? Be a good neighbor — and don't break the law. If vacation or other circumstances require more than 72 hours of parking, consider using a lot with long-term parking options (a few are listed on the postcard and website).