



Employee Parking FAQ

Who needs to have a permit?

All employees who choose to drive to work must buy a permit and park in the designated locations of the parking ramps.

Do I need a permit if I work part-time?

Yes. All employees who choose to park in the Edina parking ramps **MUST** display a valid permit and park in the designated areas.

Daily permits are now available for employees who work only a few shifts each month.

Why isn't parking free?

Each month, the City spends approximately \$38 per stall in operations and maintenance costs of the three parking ramps and related infrastructure at 50th & France. This does not include the cost to build the ramps. There is no such thing as "free" parking.

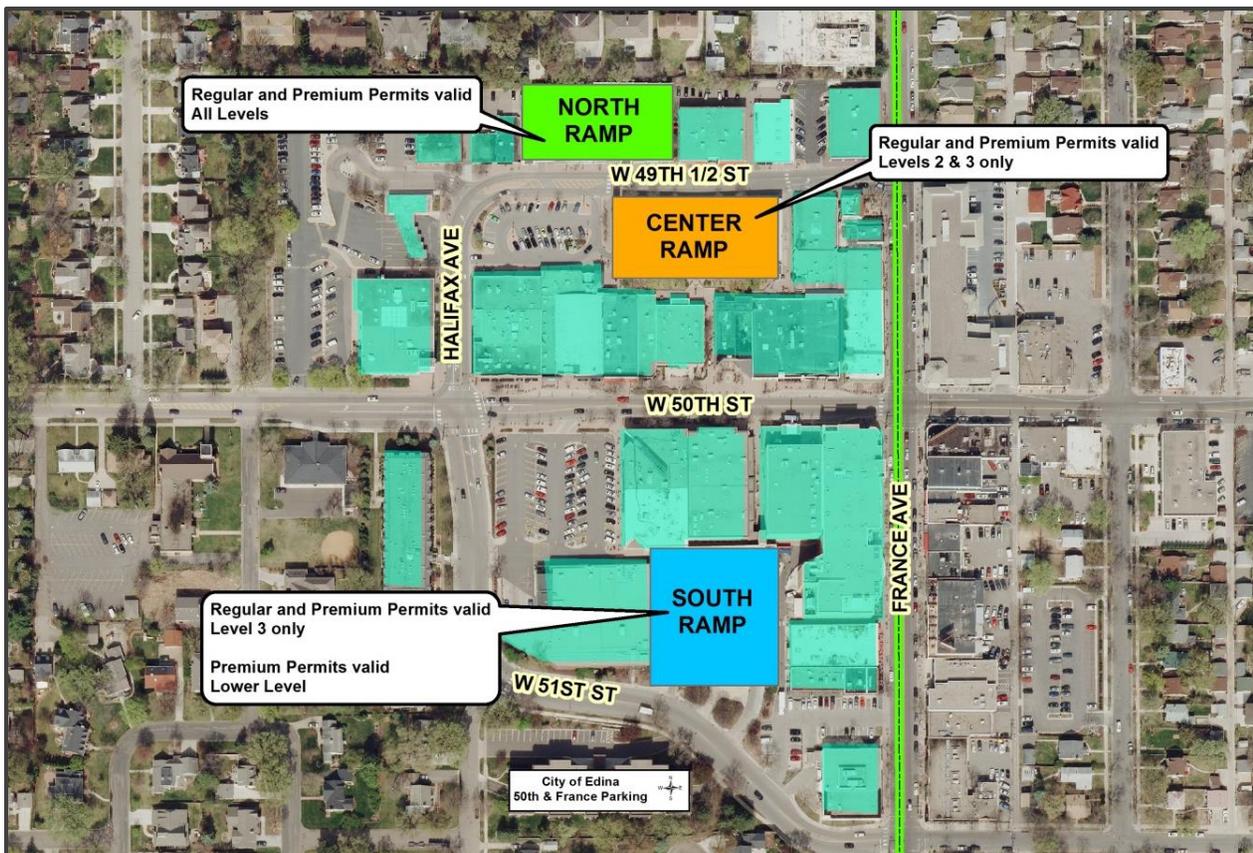
Where can employees park?

Designated areas for employee parking are included in all three public parking ramps (see map below). Surface parking is intended for customers. The most convenient locations are also reserved for customer use. Signs are posted in the ramps to clarify employee parking areas.

Employees with valid permits can park in:

- all levels of the North Ramp,
- designated areas on Level 2 and all of Level 3 of the Center Ramp and
- in the southwest portion of the rooftop (Level 3) of the South Ramp.

Note that only employees with "premium" permits are allowed to park in the lowest level of the South Ramp.



How long can I park with a permit?

Vehicles with a valid permit are allowed to park in any of the employee designated spaces in excess of the posted limits. There is no maximum time limit for employees with valid permits except that around-the-clock parking is generally not permitted. Overnight parking is only allowed for vehicles that display a valid overnight permit and park in the designated upper-level stalls of the North Ramp.

What is the difference between “Regular” and “Premium” permits?

“Premium” permits are required to park in the lowermost level of the South Ramp. These 95 stalls are in a highly desirable location, but can be confusing for customers to navigate. A limited number (95) of “premium” permits will be issued each year – one permit for each available parking stall. By limiting the number of permits issued, the uncertainty of an available parking stall will be avoided during the busy daytime hours.

Vehicles with a “premium” permit are also allowed to park in other designated employee areas. Vehicles with “regular” permits are not allowed to park in the “premium” stalls.

I have a disability plate; where can I park?

Employees with valid disability plates or tags are not required to purchase a parking permit and are allowed to park in any designated stall. Stalls for people with physical disabilities are located in all three City ramps and parking lots. These stalls are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Unless marked, there is no time limit for these stalls.

What are the rules for the lowermost level of the South Ramp?

The lowermost level is reserved for employees (with valid “premium” permits) Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. After 4 p.m., this level is also available to customers and employees with a “regular” permit on a first-come-first-served basis.

Why doesn’t my employer pay for my permit?

Some employers purchase parking permits while others do not. This is a decision made by the individual business and the City does not take a position on employee benefits provided by individual businesses.

Where do I park if I am not working but shopping at 50th and France?

Employees are encouraged to park in the more remote stalls even during non-work hours. This will add to the overall convenience of customers and should improve the climate for your own business.

What other options are available if I don’t want to park in the ramps?

On street parking is also available. Vehicles parked more than six hours, however, may be ticketed if they are reported as a nuisance.

Driving is not the only way to get to work. Walking, bicycling, carpooling and public transit can be good options as well. 50th and France has frequent bus service on Routes 6 and 46. Contact Commuter Services (www.494corridor.org) or Metro Transit (www.metrotransit.org) for more information.

What if I have an idea to make parking better?

You are welcome to send suggestions or comments to the City at mail@edinamn.gov.