



Our Renton

Community News, Programs, and Events



New state parking law: What it means for Renton

IN 2025, Washington State passed the Parking Reform and Modernization Act (ESSB 5184). Renton has more than 50,000 residents (we're at about 109,700), so we're required to update our commercial and residential parking regulations to match these new state-wide standards.

The changes aren't optional — Renton is required by the state to adopt them by January 2027.

What state law requires

The new law limits how much parking cities can require for new developments and our rules have to reflect these standards.

These changes do not affect ADA parking requirements or existing developments.

What this means for future development in Renton

Once the new rules are adopted:

- We can't require more parking than the state allows.
- Developers can still choose to build more parking if they believe it's needed.
- Parking requirements will still vary based on project type, size, and state standards.

The city's role

Here's what we are responsible for:

- Updating the Renton Municipal Code to comply with state law
- Reviewing development applications using the new standards
- Exploring ways — within state limits — to support parking needs

We are here to be your guide

We understand these changes may cause challenges. Throughout the spring and summer, our Planning team will be out at several city events to help you better understand these changes.

We also want to hear from you

While these changes are required by state law, your input still matters. Your experiences and concerns can help shape how Renton implements the new rules and where we focus our efforts.

For more information on the project and where to catch us for questions, visit our website at rentonwa.gov/ParkingReform



tips to **PREVENT CRIME**

BIKE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

Protect your bike from theft. Use a sturdy U-lock, secure the frame and wheels to a solid object, avoid leaving bikes out overnight, store in a secure area, and register your serial number to aid recovery.



We want to hear from you!

2027-2028 Budget Survey now open through May 13

THE CITY OF RENTON is preparing the 2027–2028 biennial budget, which guides the services we provide you, and your input is essential. Our community-wide budget survey is open now through May 13.

Some residents may have already received an email or text from our research partner, ReconMR. If you’ve already taken the survey, thank you — your voice truly matters.

If you did not receive the survey, we’d love to hear your feedback at rentonwa.gov/BudgetSurvey.

2026 Legislative Session Recap

THIS YEAR’S short legislative session started on January 12 and ended on March 12. We focused our efforts on four priorities:

- Public Defense
- Transportation and Regional Connectivity
- Public Safety
- Shared Revenues

Our government relations team secured funding for the Renton Resource Center and SE 168th Street Bike Lanes/ Safe Crossings. New state regulations and investments for

public safety were passed, however no new funding or policies were set. The city was successful in preserving most state-shared revenues and

expanding local revenue flexibility.

Transportation remains a priority for Renton. As our community grows, access to reliable transportation must grow with it. We will continue to advocate strongly for transportation projects and funding that deliver real benefits to our community.

For the full recap, visit our website at rentonwa.gov/LegislativeAgenda.



Mayor Pavone and City Councilmembers met with Washington State Representative, David Hackney.

Exciting improvements happening at the Senior Center!



The Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center is temporarily closed now through September 2026 while important Capital Improvement Project updates are underway. Enhancements include a new climate control system – heating and air conditioning, as well as everything from new windows to interior finishes.

Our Recreation team has done an outstanding job of ensuring the community connections built at the Senior Center remain consistent through ongoing programs, daily

activities, and the vital lunch service held at the Renton Community Center, Liberty Park Recreation Building, and the Renton History Museum. We’re especially grateful for the overwhelming appreciation and enthusiasm from participants.

The end result will be an upgrade to comfort, aesthetics, safety, and overall experience for our vibrant and active senior community.

Stay updated on progress by visiting rentonwa.gov/RSACimprovements.



ANNIVERSARY
RENTON RIVER DAYS
FRIDAY-SUNDAY
JULY 24-26, 2026

Celebrating 40 years of our favorite tradition:
Renton River Days announces
2026 festival dates



FOR 40 YEARS, Renton River Days has been more than a festival; it's a tradition woven into the heart of the community. Families, neighbors, and visitors gather along the Cedar River to celebrate what makes Renton special: connection, culture, and shared pride.

are set for July 23-26 for this year's festival.

Businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor this milestone celebration. Sponsorship opportunities for Renton River Days 2026 are now available. Explore options at the official festival website: rentonwa.gov/RiverDays

The countdown begins and the dates



OPENING DAY is JUNE 2
Tuesdays, 3-7pm
JUNE – SEPTEMBER
SOUTH 3RD STREET
and LOGAN AVE
SOUTH

CELEBRATING 2002-2026
Local Farmers, Fresh Food, Friendly People

RENTON FARMERS MARKET

25th SEASON

RENTONWA.GOV/FARMERSMARKET

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 RENTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
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2026 SUMMER FUN DOWNTOWN at LEGACY SQUARE

South Third Street & Logan Avenue South

This summer, Legacy Square will open as an arts and culture hub downtown. It is the perfect place to watch the World Cup 2026 and gather together while enjoying many other exciting activities. Look for updates at rentonwa.gov/LegacySquare

OPENING DAY!

Legacy Square, Piazza Park, and Renton Market
Saturday, June 6, 1–8pm

A full day of fun including a ribbon cutting, music, performances, food trucks, games, and more. RSVP and let us know you're coming at rentonwa.gov/HatTrick

MATCH WATCH PARTIES

June 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28 and July 10, 11, 18. Final is July 19!

SUMMER CONCERTS

Saturdays, August 1, 8, 15, 29 & Sept 5

MOVIE NIGHTS

Fridays, August 7, 14, 21, 28 & Sept 4, 11

ART & WINE BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 22, 12 - 8:30pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 19
12–9pm



RENTON
ready to play!

Community Calendar Find details at rentonwa.gov/events

Refuel Your Ride

May 13, Wednesday, 4-7 p.m.
May Creek Trailhead
at 4260 Lake Washington Blvd. N
Learn what's developing on Renton trails. Free bike inspections and swag.

Recycle Events

May 16: Metal, Styrofoam & Plastic Bags
June 6: Mattress, Box Spring, Cardboard, Tires & Styrofoam
Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
RTC, NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE
For details on items collected, go to rentonwa.gov/RecycleEvents

2026 Career Fair

MAY 20-21, 3–6 p.m.
Renton Tech. College, 3000 NE 4th St
Wed: All industries except health.
Thur: Health care industry only. Info: gorenton.com/renton-career-fair

Container Gardening Dos & Don'ts Virtual Class

May 21, Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m.
Instructor Marianne Binetti discusses plants, design, and watering. Register rentonwa.gov/ContainerGardeningClass

Memorial Day Ceremony

May 25, Monday, 1 p.m.
Veterans Mem. Park, 1000 S Third St.
Honor and remember our veterans.
Seating limited, bring a chair as needed.

Farmers Market Opening Day

June 2, Tuesday, 3-7 p.m.
South Third Street & Logan Avenue S
Celebrating our 25th season! Local farmers, fresh food, friendly people!

Family Fun Night

June 5, Friday, 6-8 p.m.
Highlands Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE
Games, arts and crafts, snacks, more!
Free. Register rentonwa.gov/register.

CITY HALL SERVICES

Municipal Court

Renton Municipal Courts no longer processes passports. Visit travel.state.gov for options.

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
and 12:30–4 p.m. rentonwa.gov/court

Finance Counter, Utility Bills, License & Tax Counter

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
rentonwa.gov/finance

Building & Permit Counter

In person: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9–11:30 a.m. and 1–4 p.m.
Online services: rentonwa.gov/permits

Police Counter

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
rentonwa.gov/PoliceReport

RENTON RESPONDS

Report non-emergency service requests and quality-of-life issues at rentonwa.gov/RentonResponds

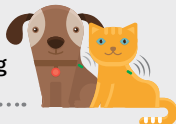


CITY CONTACTS

General Information . . . 425-430-6400
Mayor 425-430-6500
Building Permits 425-430-7200
City Council 425-430-6501
City Clerk 425-430-6510
Code Enforcement 425-430-7373
Licensing & Taxes. 425-430-6851
Municipal Court 425-430-6550
Parks & Recreation 425-430-6600
Police (business line) . . . 425-430-7500
Regional Fire Authority. . 425-276-9500
Utility Billing. 425-430-6852

Emergency 911
Non-Emergency 425-235-2121

Free pet microchipping for Renton residents: rentonwa.gov/microchipping



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