



CITY OF HELSINKI

Public Works Department – Parking Control

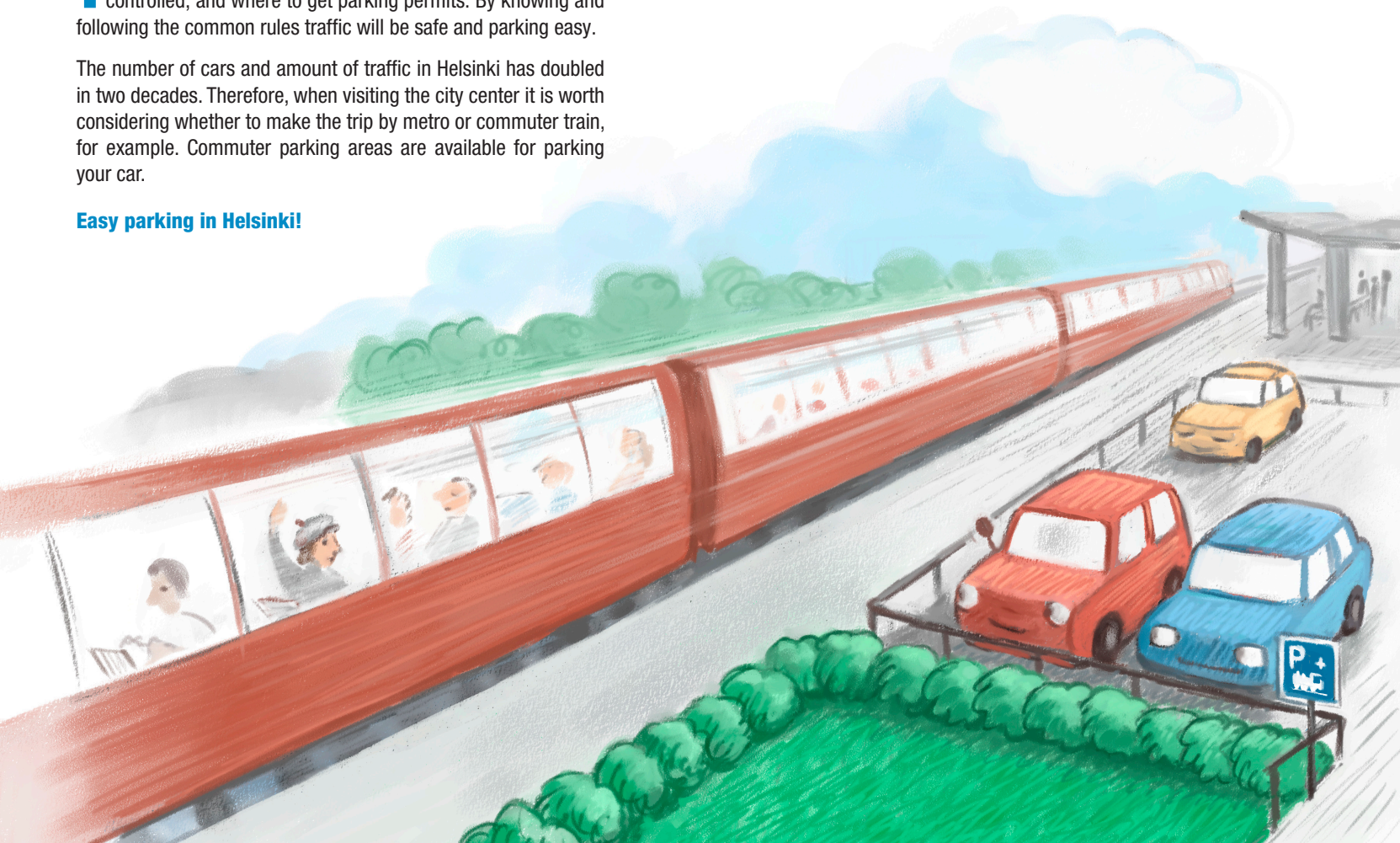
Parking in Helsinki



This guide informs you how to park in Helsinki, why parking is controlled, and where to get parking permits. By knowing and following the common rules traffic will be safe and parking easy.

The number of cars and amount of traffic in Helsinki has doubled in two decades. Therefore, when visiting the city center it is worth considering whether to make the trip by metro or commuter train, for example. Commuter parking areas are available for parking your car.

Easy parking in Helsinki!



Parking in Helsinki

Parking in the city centre is allowed only on marked parking spaces. Parking is usually subject to a charge Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., and in certain places on Saturdays. Parking time is restricted. Parking spaces are divided into three payment zones. Parking is most expensive in the inner city. Private parking facilities are also available in the city centre.

Commuter parking (park-and-ride) is a convenient way to avoid traffic jams in the city centre. The areas reserved for parking are situated near public transportation stops and stations. You can park your car and continue by metro, bus, tram or commuter train. Parking is usually free of charge. For up-to-date information on commuter parking please visit the Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council (YTV) website at www.ytv.fi > In English > Transport > Maps.

In suburban areas parking is usually free of charge, but parking time may be restricted. Parking prohibited zones are used to restrict street-side parking especially in new residential areas. These regional parking bans may apply to the entire quarter or an individual street.





Payment methods

Parking fees can be paid by coins, in-car parking meters and mobile phones, and in some places also by credit card.

- Ticket machines accept 20 and 50 cent coins; most machines also accept 1 and 2 euro coins. Parking meters accept 20 cent coins, as well as 1 and 2 euro coins. The machines do not give change. Some inner city ticket machines accept credit card payment.
- Registered users can pay parking fees by mobile phone for all public parking spaces in Helsinki.
- Users of in-car parking meters only pay for actual parking time used. Parking meters and rechargeable cards can be purchased from the Public Works Department. The cards can also be charged at certain service stations and kiosks.

Parking payment methods are under constant development. For more information on mobile phone services, in-car parking meters and other payment methods please go to www.hel.fi/pysakointi/english > Payment methods.

Parking permits

Residential parking

Car-owners living in the inner city area can obtain a residential parking permit, which entitles them to park free of charge on the residential parking spaces of their area. The spaces are indicated by traffic signs.

Corporate parking

Companies can obtain a corporate parking permit for their cars, entitling them to park free of charge on the residential parking spaces of the area.

Parking for the disabled

Parking permits for the disabled entitle their holders to park in spaces reserved for the disabled, and parking free of charge in paid parking spaces. The permit also allows parking for longer periods than indicated by traffic signs, and parking in zones where parking is banned by traffic signs and residential precincts if no inconvenience is caused to traffic. Permits are issued to disabled persons or for the transport of disabled persons.

Veterans' parking

Front veterans who live in Helsinki can obtain a free parking permit. The veterans' parking permit entitles its holder to park free of charge on parking spaces subject to a parking fee in the city of Helsinki.

Residential, corporate and veterans' parking permits are issued by the Public Works Department, and the parking permits for disabled persons by the police.

For the latest information on parking permits please visit the parking control website at www.hel.fi/pysakointi/english.

Parking in the city centre

Orange square: Payment zone 1

Yellow square: Payment zone 2

White square: Payment zone 3

Blue 'P' in a square: Parking facility

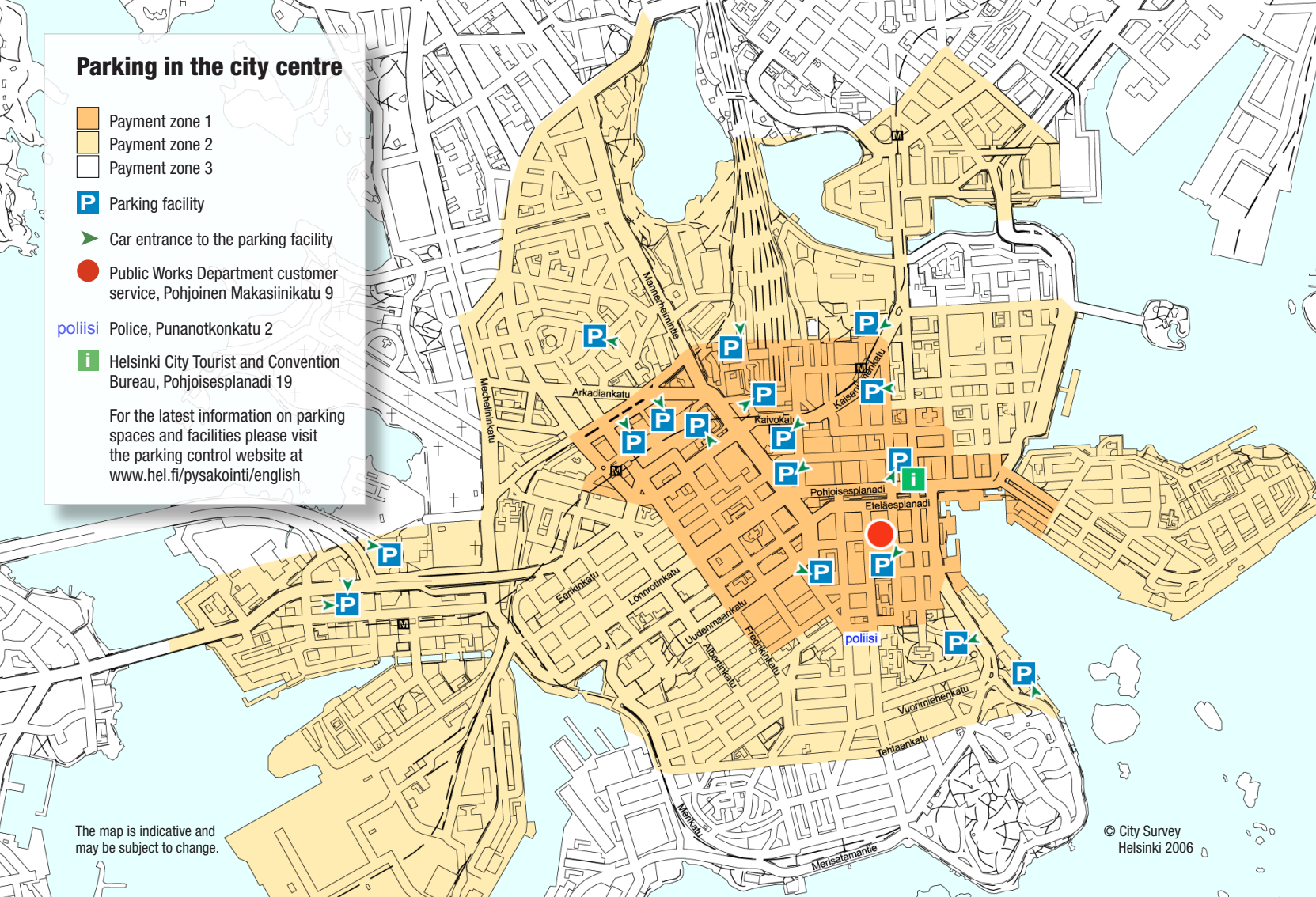
Green arrow: Car entrance to the parking facility

Red circle: Public Works Department customer service, Pohjoinen Makasiinikatu 9

Blue 'poliisi': Police, Punanotkonkatu 2

Green 'i' in a square: Helsinki City Tourist and Convention Bureau, Pohjoisesplanadi 19

For the latest information on parking spaces and facilities please visit the parking control website at www.hel.fi/pysakointi/english



The map is indicative and may be subject to change.

© City Survey Helsinki 2006

Traffic signs regulating parking



Parking place

A parking area outside the carriageway or separated from the carriageway by road markings. Vehicles must be parked completely within marked spaces.



Park-and-ride

Parking spaces are reserved for vehicles whose drivers continue their trip using means of public transport. A train, a bus, a metro train or other similar means of transport may be pictured on the sign.



Residential precinct (left)

End of residential precinct (right)

Parking allowed only on marked parking spaces.



Pedestrian crossing

Parking and stopping is prohibited on pedestrian crossings and for five metres before them.



Foot-path



Cycle track

Parking on foot-paths and cycle tracks is prohibited. However, a vehicle may be temporarily brought to a stop for purposes of loading and unloading, or entering and exiting the vehicle, provided that no inconvenience is caused to traffic and that the driver is nearby.



Standing and parking prohibited

A vehicle may only be brought to a stop if required by traffic. A vehicle may not be brought to a stop for purposes of loading or unloading, or entering or exiting the vehicle.



Parking prohibited

Standing a vehicle with the driver inside the vehicle or without the driver is prohibited. A vehicle may, however, be temporarily brought to a stop for purposes of loading and unloading, or entering and exiting the vehicle.

Parking is always prohibited

- in road junctions
- within five metres of the edge of a crossing carriageway



Parking prohibited zone (left)



End of parking prohibited zone (right)

Parking is prohibited within the area indicated by the signs. Spaces within the area where parking is allowed are indicated by separate traffic signs.

Additional panels



Regulation begins from the sign (left)

Regulation ends to the sign (right)

Regulation indicated by the sign above the panel begins or ends.



Distance to which the sign applies

Distance to which the sign above the panel applies.



Hours during which the sign applies

- Monday to Friday (left)
- Saturdays (centre)
- Sundays and holidays (right)

The hours during which the sign above the panel applies.

Parking is also prohibited

- in parks and other green areas and in so-called idle land
- on private property without the owner's permission
- on the access road or at the gateway to a building
- if inconvenience or hindrance is caused to traffic.



Time limit

Maximum duration for parking in minutes or hours.





Obligatory use of parking disc

Maximum duration for parking. The time of arrival must be indicated with a parking disc.



Parking against fee

Parking is subject to a charge only during the hours indicated on the sign. Stopping and parking in areas governed by the  sign is allowed only if the parking fee has been paid. In areas governed by the  sign, stopping is allowed free of charge but parking is subject to a charge.

Parking control

Adherence to parking regulations in Helsinki is controlled by traffic wardens. Their work promotes the safety and smoothness of traffic. Controlling is used to prevent illegal parking.

Traffic wardens provide information on proper parking. They provide information on obtaining a parking permit, the various payment methods, and on finding the nearest parking place.

Illegal parking is subject to a parking ticket. If the ticket is not paid by its due date, the amount of fine is increased by 50 percent.

The police also monitor parking. If parking causes serious danger or inconvenience, traffic wardens notify the police of illegal parking.

The driver is always responsible for following parking regulations. Drivers contribute to the safety of traffic through their behaviour; smooth and safe traffic means a more enjoyable city. Illegal parking causes inconvenience to everyone.



Contact information

Parking planning

The Transportation and Traffic Planning Division of the City Planning Department is responsible for planning the parking arrangements in Helsinki, such as the location and number of parking spaces and the location of traffic signs.

- Kansakoulukatu 1 A, kaupunkisuunnittelu@hel.fi, tel. 310 1673 (exchange)
- www.hel.fi/ksv > In English > Traffic Planning

Permits and control

The Public Works Department's Parking Control grants residential, corporate and veterans' parking permits, controls parking in Helsinki and tows away illegally parked vehicles.

- Customer service, Pohjoinen Makasiinikatu 9, rakennusvirasto@hel.fi, tel. 310 39 000
- www.hel.fi/pysakointi/english

The police grants parking permits for disabled persons and controls adherence to parking regulations.

- Helsinki Police Department, Punanotkonkatu 2, permit affairs tel. 189 3125
- www.poliisi.fi > In English > Licences

The Public Works Department issues permits for temporary traffic arrangements when additional parking spaces are needed.

- Land-use monitoring, Liukumäentie 4, katu@hel.fi, tel. 310 38 500
- www.hkr.hel.fi > In English > Permits

The obligation to use a parking disc is indicated with the use of an additional panel with a picture of a parking disc. The disc is to be placed in a visible place inside the windshield so that it can be read from outside. The time of arrival marked on the disc is the full or half hour following arrival. The time of arrival cannot be altered during the hours the use of a parking disc is obligatory.

Pysäköintikiekon käyttövelvollisuus osoitetaan liikenne-merkin lisäkilvellä, jossa on pysäköintikiekon kuva. Kiekkko sijoitetaan näkyvään paikkaan tuulilasin sisäpuolelle niin, että se on luettavissa ulkoapäin. Saapumisajaksi merkitään pysäköinnin alkamista seuraava tasa- tai puolitunti. Saapumisaikaa ei saa muuttaa kiekon käyttövelvollisuuden aikana.

editing Päivi Seikkula,
drawings and layout Lauri Voutilainen
printing Sisäsuomi Oy
2007

Time of arrival

Saapumisaika

