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Kopie aan  
Bijlage  
Onderwerp Birò parking in Amsterdam

Dear Amsterdam Birò owner,

You own a Birò microcar. Amsterdam City Council has decided that Birò's with vehicle registration numbers will be subject to parking fees with effect from 1 July 2020. This letter explains what the change means for you and how you can join a trial to obtain a city-wide parking permit for your Birò.

### **City-wide parking permit trial**

In line with its Clean Air Action Plan (Actieplan Schone Lucht 2030), the City of Amsterdam wants to switch to fully electric transport by 2030. We are therefore trying to make electric vehicles more attractive. As part of that effort, we are starting a trial in which you can apply for a temporary city-wide parking permit for your electric Birò. This trial will last until at least 1 July 2022.

### **Key information about the trial**

- Your Birò must have a vehicle registration number.
- With the permit, you can park anywhere in Amsterdam at a discount of 50 per cent compared with the cost of other city-wide permits. At current rates, the Birò permit will cost €224.75 per six months. This amount may change after the city council sets new parking fees in June 2020.
- You can apply for a city-wide parking permit for any Birò you bought before 1 May 2020. It does not matter if you also hold other parking permits. If you bought your Birò(s) on or after 1 May 2020, you can apply for a maximum of one permit per household or business.

- The number of permits available is limited. We will process applications in order of receipt. If you wish to take part in the trial, you should therefore apply as soon as possible.

### **Applying for a city-wide parking permit**

To take part in the trial, apply for the city-wide parking permit from 1 July 2020 at [www.amsterdam.nl/parkeren-verkeer/parkeervergunning](http://www.amsterdam.nl/parkeren-verkeer/parkeervergunning) (in Dutch).

### **Applying for a resident's parking permit**

Alternatively, if you do not yet have a resident's parking permit, you can apply for a regular resident's permit. This is valid only in your own local parking zone. Other conditions also apply, which are different from those for the city-wide permits in the trial. For more information, please visit [www.amsterdam.nl/parkeren-verkeer/parkeervergunning](http://www.amsterdam.nl/parkeren-verkeer/parkeervergunning) (in Dutch).

### **Exemptions for people with disabilities**

Your Birò is not classified as a mobility vehicle for the disabled unless registered as such with the Netherlands Vehicle Authority (RDW). For example, because it is adapted to your specific needs. If the RDW has registered your Birò as a mobility vehicle, it does not require a registration number and you may still park it on pavements. If the RDW has not registered your Birò as a mobility vehicle but you do hold a European disability parking card ("Blue Badge"), you can apply for a free city-wide parking permit. To make this application, and for the rules concerning mobility vehicles, see [amsterdam.nl/parkeren-verkeer/parkeervergunning](http://amsterdam.nl/parkeren-verkeer/parkeervergunning)(in Dutch).

### **Rules for parking, charging and driving your Birò from 1 July 2020**

- Your Birò must have a vehicle registration number and you must hold a moped or regular driving licence.
- You must park in normal parking spaces and you must drive on the road. You may not drive on cycle paths or park on the pavement.
- Your Birò is smaller than other microcars. For this reason, if at all possible we ask you to park as shown in the picture below to leave maximum room for other vehicles.
- As far as possible, you should charge your Birò at home or work from the 220-volt mains supply, using an extension lead if necessary.

### **Questions**

If you have any questions, please call us on 14020. Lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm. For questions about vehicle registration, visit [rdw.nl/ biro](http://rdw.nl/ biro) or call the RDW customer service line on 088 008 7447.

In order to comply with privacy legislation, this letter has been sent by Birò Netherlands to its registered customers on behalf of the City of Amsterdam.

Yours faithfully,

City of Amsterdam

