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Moscow Expands Paid Parking Zone

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Moscow's transport department will add another 454 streets to the city's paid parking zone, effective Dec. 25, according to the department's statement published online Wednesday.

The soon-to-be-restricted streets span 17 different districts between Moscow's Garden Ring and Third Transport Ring. Parking in the new paid zones, will cost 40 rubles per hour ($1.15).

Residents will be able to park in these zones from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m after purchasing a special permit for 3,000 rubles a year.

Paid parking was introduced to the city center in late 2012 in a bid to help tackle Moscow's infamous congestion. The system was expanded out to the borders of the downtown Boulevard Ring in June 2013, and then widened to the Garden Ring in late December 2013.

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