

Parking Enforcement Suggestions for the Parking Study

Parking submits the following thoughts on current parking systems, data collected, income and expenses, needs and trends in the coming five years.

1. Comparable rates and hours from similar communities.
2. Methods of enforcement, payments method used in our system
 - Zebra Handhelds and Printers (5)
 - App for recording and timing streets
 - LPR coming for handhelds
 - Digital T2 Iris Kiosks (18)
 - Axon Body Cams (5)
 - Genetec LPR one vehicle
 - Used for timing of vehicles on streets/lots
 - Used for review of methods of payments
 - Passport – App for pay-by-phone
 - Coordination with NPD on citation issuance
3. Parking study timing
 - a. Should be done after the park expansion project and not before
 - b. Data should be collected during peak seasons (late spring, summer, and early fall)
 - c. Study should consider the location of the parking lots/spaces and not simply the number of spaces.
 - d. Plan for growth; not a static analysis.
4. Trends and recommended changes to the system
 - a. Address the resident vehicle storage in the Prince Place lot and the Waterfront lots (all day lots). The heavily discounted resident permit currently allows residents to park a vehicle all day and all night in these lots. For example, the Prince Place lot is nearly half full at the beginning of each day with resident permits.
 - i. Address this issue by designating an overnight lot or section of a lot and charge a fee for this parking.
 - b. Employees should be encouraged to park in the garage.
 - i. Keep the discounted employee permit for the garage. Increase the price of the employee permit that allows parking on the waterfront surface lots or seasonally the Green Street lot.
 - c. Select and lease/purchase additional parking downtown.
 - i. Purchase or take the Daily News building on Liberty St and the Laundromat on adjacent land fronting on Water St. Plan for the laundromat and the Daily News to occupy space in the first floor of any parking structure built thereon.
 - d. Re-evaluate on street resident parking.
 - i. Consider restrict permits to residents without off-street parking
 - ii. Consider evening and overnight permits only
 - e. Review the possibility of higher rates for resident lot permits if resident is proximate to downtown.
 - f. Evaluate seasonal rates, e.g. high season kiosk rate of \$2 vs. \$1.50/\$1 off season.

- g. Evaluate placing additional kiosks on State, Liberty, Merrimac and Pleasant Streets
 - i. This will move vehicles efficiently off these busy streets
 - ii. This will create additional revenue.
- h. Evaluate demand-based parking
 - i. In certain areas downtown and during certain peak days/hours rates could be higher and/or graduated.
- i. Re-evaluate permits rates / time (particularly the 7K resident permits)
 - i. Place a 3 hour limit on Resident Permits in Prince Place, Hale's Court, Waterfront lots.
 - ii. Create Hybrid permit for residents that work downtown.
- j. Add LPR system to second parking vehicle
- k. Explore Barnacle as a means of enforcement