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CIVIC AREA PUBLIC PARKING CHANGES

What?

The City of Boulder will begin an enhanced parking program in the Civic Area beginning in January 2016, with the goal to make Civic Area parking more accessible to members of the public and city employees. Specific details can be found on the following pages.

Why?

The Boulder community is investing in the Civic Area to make it an attractive area for residents and visitors to gather. Improving our parking access management in the adjacent lots creates an opportunity for more users to access the park and public facilities.

Who?

The changes will affect all visitors who drive and park in the Civic Area. This includes Civic Area visitors, library patrons, city services customers, and City of Boulder employees.

When?

The changes take effect for the public on Jan. 15, 2016. For City of Boulder employees who park downtown in the Civic Area lots, the changes take effect immediately after Jan. 1, 2016.

Where?

The changes will impact the Main Library Parking Lot (Arapahoe Ave.), the Municipal Building/North Library Parking Lot (Canyon Blvd.), the New Britain Building Parking Lot, and the Park Central Parking Lot. The remaining Civic Area parking lots for city employees and seniors (West Senior Center Parking Lot) will remain unchanged.

Specific Details available on next page!

Details:

- The updated managed parking includes changes to lots in the Civic Area. The overall approach is to transition most existing parking spaces from designated employee and public spaces to shared spaces, available to both the public and city employees. The change to shared spaces will occur in the Main Library Lot (Arapahoe Ave.) and the Municipal Building/North Library Lot (Canyon Blvd). The Park Central Lot and a smaller area of the Municipal Building/North Library Lot will be designated as short-term customer parking to provide public access to city services.
- Managed parking hours will run Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The shared parking spaces will be available on first-come, first-served basis. Saturday & Sunday parking will be free.
- New parking rules take effect Jan. 15, 2016 for the shared spaces that will allow free public parking for 90 minutes to encourage greater access to the park and city facilities. The Library Lot (Arapahoe Ave.) previously allowed for three hours of free parking for library patrons. We anticipate the 90-minute free parking will allow more parking access to more Civic Area users and accommodates the needs of most library patrons.
- Studies recently indicated that 30-50% of people parking in the free three-hour spaces in the Arapahoe parking lot were not visiting the library, and enforcement of the three hours was difficult to regulate. Additionally, in a survey of library patrons, over 70% who responded indicated that they planned to stay less than one hour, and 84% indicated that their stay would be two hours or less.
- The City of Boulder Parking Services will be installing parking meter kiosks in the Civic Area parking lots by January 1, 2016 for improved parking management. The parking kiosks will be different from those used in the downtown area. In the Civic Area the kiosks will be “pay by plate” requiring license plate entry to begin the transaction. Parking lots also will have greater enforcement to encourage compliance, turnover, and improved access for patrons.
- 90 minutes of free public parking requires activation at a kiosk to receive the free parking. An additional 90 minutes may be purchased for \$1.25/hour. City of Boulder employees displaying a valid daily, paid-parking permit will not have to use the kiosks.
- Vehicles parked beyond the three hour limit and City of Boulder employees not properly displaying a valid daily, paid-parking permit could be issued an overtime violation ticket in their windshield for the amount of \$15.00.
- To help customers with these significant changes, a city parking ambassador will be stationed in one or more of parking lots from January 2-15, 2016 to assist drivers with questions and how to use the new pay station kiosks.
- Any person requiring more than three hours of parking may utilize the public parking garages, north of the Civic Area. These lots include 11th and Walnut (Randolph Center), 11th and Spruce, 15th and Pearl (Parking Services), 10th and Walnut (St. Julien Hotel), and 14th and Walnut (RTD Bus Station).
- The new parking changes, with greater enforcement, are part of a long-term, continuing managed parking plan.
- Benchmark parking data will be collected during the months of November and December 2015, and January 2016.
- Benchmark data will be compared to study data collected after the new changes take effect. The review process will use metrics to determine the effectiveness of the new rules. If data shows potential problems with the parking changes, the City of Boulder may consider making adjustments to shared parking hours and/or how paid parking is regulated.

- The City of Boulder continues to work with city advisory boards and stakeholders to make sure the changes are in the best interest of the public, including library patrons, city services customers, and visitors to the Civic Area.
- The Library Commission continues to welcome direct public input on parking changes. City of Boulder representatives will be available to take comments and answer questions at the December 2, 2015 Library Commission meeting at 6 p.m., **tentatively** scheduled to take place in the Canyon Meeting Room, 1001 Arapahoe Ave. (*The meeting location may change to accommodate more people. Please confirm location before meeting by visiting <https://bouldercolorado.gov/boards-commissions/library-commission>.*)

A detailed map of the changes can be at: https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/Map_1_for_Public_Civic_Area_Parking_-_FINAL-1-201511091050.jpg

For specific answers on the changes, please submit questions at:
www.bouldercolorado.gov/civicareaparking