

Downtown Nighttime Paid Parking Pilot Program – Questions and Answers on Operational Scenarios

Question 1: I work nights in the Downtown. Will I have to pay to park?

Answer 1: No, the pilot program only applies to new parkers arriving after 9:00 PM in the designated lots and structures. As long as you are parked prior to 9:00 PM, you will not have to pay to park. If you arrive for work between 9:00 PM and 1:00 AM on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night, you can park in any of the approximately 1,560 free parking spaces still available. If you need to drop off something first, free short-term parking will be available in the pilot program lots abutting businesses. Additionally, the City will consider special circumstances to park for free in a paid space on a case-by-case basis.

Question 2: I'm concerned that my business will be negatively impacted if my patrons have to pay for parking. What options will my patrons have?

Answer 2: During the pilot program approximately 1,560 spaces of free parking will be provided along with approximately 1,900 spaces of paid parking. Patrons can choose to pay for the proximity to your business or park for free a farther distance away. At the farthest distance, however, the free spaces remain just over a 5-minute walk from the center of Downtown.

Question 3: What parking will be available for short-term parking such as deliveries, food take-out, or if I as the owner need to make a quick trip into the business after 9:00 PM? Will payment be required?

Answer 3: No payment is required. Prior to the start of the pilot program, Public Works will ensure that short-term parking areas for pick-up and delivery exist in each surface lot that abuts businesses (A-1, A-2, B-2, B-3, C-1, C-4, and D-2). So long as the posted time limit is followed, no fee is due.

Question 4: My child's class at CF Dance Academy ends at 9:00 PM, will I have to pay to park?

Answer 4: No, the pilot program only applies to new parkers arriving after 9:00 PM in the designated lots and structures. As long as you are parked prior to 9:00 PM, you will not have to pay to park. Furthermore, as part of the pilot program, a short-term parking zone will be added along a portion of the south side of Commonwealth Avenue, east of Harbor Boulevard, to facilitate drop off and pick up outside of the parking lot.

Question 5: I live in one of the residential units in the Downtown that is able to park overnight in one of the public lots or structures. Will I have to pay to park?

Answer 5: No, verified residents will be able to register license plate numbers with the City. This information will be provided to SP+ to exempt these vehicles from payment.

Question 6: I live in one of the nearby neighborhoods and don't want parking problems to spill onto my street. Will impacts to neighborhoods be evaluated?

Answer 6: Yes, the residential blocks in the Downtown that abut the pilot program boundary will be part of the baseline data collection as well as monitoring during the pilot program.