

What is the City's Plan for Managing Parking along the Bayfront?

The City's plan for managing parking is to establish paid parking, paid/permit, and permit/timed parking areas along the Bayfront streets and parking lots. The plan is based upon a parking study that the City completed with stakeholder input in 2018, and which was formally adopted in 2020.

Why Install "Pay to Park" Pay Stations and Charge for Permits?

The purpose of the parking pay stations and electronic permits is to increase vehicle turnover in high demand areas so that more parking is available to Bayfront users. This will reduce congestion and improve public safety.

For much of the year, available parking is over 85% utilized, meaning it is "functionally full." Users cannot find a place to park, which leads to congestion, frustrated drivers, and vehicles being parked in an unsafe manner. Meter revenues will be used to fund parking enforcement, improve parking areas, and enhance overall access to the Bayfront.

So... What is the Parking Plan?

Attached to the back of this FAQ is a map showing the locations and pricing of the paid and permit parking areas along the Bayfront. A limited number of electronic permits will be available for purchase online through the City of Newport website. Persons in paid parking areas will be able to pay by phone using a "text to pay" option or they can use one of the ten pay stations that the City will be installing. Pay stations include coin, credit card, and coupon code functionality.

Which Parking Areas will this apply to?

Public parking areas along the Bayfront. It will not apply to private lots and Port of Newport parking areas.

When will the Changes go into Effect?

Pay stations and new signage will be installed and active on weekends effective on or after January 20, 2024. The City will offer free courtesy electronic permits that will be effective from January to April. Paid electronic permits will be required for permit areas effective May 1, 2024, and the pay stations will shift to seven days a week that same day.

Will the Parking Limitations Apply to Disabled Individuals?

Vehicles with a state-issued disabled person registration or "wheelchair user" plate, placard, permit or decal will not be subject to posted time limits or payment requirements irrespective of whether or not they are parked in an ADA space.

How will this Impact Parking Enforcement?

The City will provide a break-in period of at least 30-days to help educate users about the new rules. They will only be issuing warnings during that time period. The City has hired a new parking enforcement officer who will be using License Plate Recognition (LPR) technology to efficiently identify vehicles parked in violation of the City's parking rules.

Who do I Contact to Learn More about Upcoming Changes?

For additional information, you can contact the City of Newport Community Development Department at 541-574-0629 or publiccomment@newportoregon.gov. You can also attend Parking Advisory Committee meetings, which are typically held on the third Wednesday of the month at Newport City Hall.

