

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



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City Parking Rates and Hours Changing May 1st *EasyPark Customers Cautioned to Update Devices*

PORTSMOUTH, NH – Portsmouth parking fees and enforcement times will change Monday, May 1st following Parking Division recommendations and City Council approval earlier this year. Parking fees will increase 25 cents for each hour in all zones and enforcement hours will run an hour later from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from Noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

According to Public Works Director Peter Rice, extended hours will help the downtown businesses by preserving parking spaces for patrons later into the evening. “Our experience has been that available spaces disappear quickly after enforcement ends, and are generally filled by employees or residents looking for free parking. Raising parking rates will also help offset construction costs for the new parking garage at Foundry Place.”

New Hampshire consortium EasyPark customers (registered in Portsmouth, Dover and Manchester) will need to communicate their devices after midnight May 1 to update to new hourly rates and the extended enforcement hours. City parking enforcement officers will be watching for devices that don't reflect the new information and distribute citations accordingly. The new rates will go as follows:

- Standard Rates After May 1
 - Zone A—\$2.00 per hour, Max Stay 3 hours
 - Zone B—\$1.50 per hour, Max Stay 3 hours
 - Zone C (Green)— \$1.50 per hour, Max Stay 4 hours

- Zone C (Red)— \$2.00 per hour, Max Stay 4 hours
- Zone D (Black)— \$1.50 per hour, Max Stay 15 min.
- Zone D (Red)— \$2.00 per hour, Max Stay 15 min.
- Resident Discount Rates Available with EasyPark Device After May 1
 - Zone A—\$1.75 per hour, Max Stay 3 hours
 - Zone B—\$1.25 per hour, Max Stay 3 hours
 - Zone C (Green)— \$1.25 per hour, Max Stay 4 hours
 - Zone C (Red)— \$1.75 per hour, Max Stay 4 hours
 - Zone D (Black)— \$1.25 per hour, Max Stay 15 min.
 - Zone D (Red)— \$1.75 per hour, Max Stay 15 min.

For more information on the Easypark In-Vehicle Parking Meter visit www.easypark.com/portsmouth. Portsmouth residents who have the device are eligible for the resident discount, however, proof of residence must be verified in person with the parking enforcement manager who is located at 140 Court St. The office is in the back of the Portsmouth Housing Authority's Feaster Apartments. Office hours for Easypark issues are noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by appointment. Appointments may be made by calling (603) 828-3020.