

How Would Managed Parking in Downtown Golden Work?

The primary goal of a downtown parking management system, if implemented, would be to increase the available supply for visitors, downtown residents, and downtown employees by encouraging patrons of the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) who seek all-day parking, to move back to on-campus parking. This goal would be achieved by a system where:

- All of the streets currently posted as 2-hour parking would remain open as free 2-hour parking for downtown customers.
- There would also be certain lots where the current 3-hour free parking would continue.
- Downtown employees would be eligible for low cost (current recommendation is \$30 per year) license plate based parking permits that would allow the user to park all day on the streets that are not currently posted as 2-hour parking, as well as in the City parking structures.
- Downtown residents would be eligible for modest cost (current recommendation is about \$300 per year) license plate-based parking permits that would allow the user to park all day on the streets that are not currently posted as 2-hour parking, as well as in the City parking structures.
- Visitors for longer periods than available under the 2 or 3-hour free parking would be able to park in designated areas by paying a daily parking fee at a kiosk or via a smart phone “app”.
- Warnings would be given to first time offenders in an effort to avoid penalizing folks who mistakenly violate, while targeting repeat offenders.

When would such a system start?

If City Council determines that we need to implement such a system, the target date to start would be January 2017.

What would the steps be to implement?

Implementing such a system would be a complicated endeavor. There would be a communication effort to both downtown businesses and residents and one-on-one meetings with individual businesses in order to set up the employer-managed permit registration. In addition, there would be a series of community communication pieces and installation of signage and parking kiosk locations for the paid long term visitor parking.

Would this new change impact the neighborhood permit parking areas?

There are no anticipated changes to the neighborhood permit systems being considered with this discussion. These areas are already moving to an online license plate registration system for no charge.

How can I get more information?

Contact the City planning division at planning@cityofgolden.net.