



Terence J. Ryan
Parking Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Terry Ryan, Parking Director

DATE: July 20, 2021

SUBJECT: **Motion Response, Motion 11.6 by C. MERCIER**
Parking Rate for Judicial Center Employees

The City currently utilizes five parking rates for the City garages, listed at the end of this response. A majority of the passes utilized are at the Group Rate of \$78.00/month (effective July 1, 2021). In-order to qualify for the group rate, a minimum group of twenty parkers is needed and payment for this group must be made on one check (or electronically) paid monthly to the Parking Department. The transient rate for parking in any City Garage is \$11.00/day.

Parking rates are set per City ordinance and are adjusted yearly in July based on the Consumer price index (CPI). Any change to the rate structure would require City Council approval.

Under the agreement to construct the Judicial Center, the City was required to provide 300 parking spaces at the new Hamilton Canal Innovation District (HCID) Garage for courthouse employees. These spaces are available now with minimal usage by courthouse employees. There was no provision for a special parking rate within the agreement, pursuant to state ethics laws, public employees cannot accept a benefit that is based on their status unless it is available to the general public. All courthouse employees will be expected to park at the HCID garage under the agreement, to be enforced at a time when the Canal St. (blue) bridge is open for traffic.

At the time of this motion response, Lowell Community Health Center (LCHC) utilizes 352 passcards and Lowell Charter School utilizes 121 passcards, both paying \$78.00 per month at the Early Garage. Each also pays for individual validations on a monthly basis.



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Garage Rates: (per month)

Market Rate: \$96.00

Group Rate: \$78.00

Downtown Resident: \$72.00

Downtown Resident Senior: \$39.75

Downtown Resident Handicap: \$39.75

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cc: Conor Baldwin, CFO

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