

Why did you change residential parking lots?

Residential students have asked for more flexibility with parking options; this meets the demands we've been hearing for the last several years. Simple as that.

Why did you make Lot X a commuter lot?

1. The number one complaint from commuters was the frustration in finding a parking spot in a lot and/or on the street and never being able to plan (some days it could take 30 seconds to find a spot and other days 15 minutes or more). By providing a commuter-only lot, it will give our commuters a designated place to park and they can easily plan their walk to class or know when to catch the shuttle. It takes the guesswork out of commuter parking!
2. Lot X has flooded several times in the middle of the night. That's no secret. Residential students have had their cars damaged because of sleeping through the e2campus or being off-campus when the flash flood occurred. By converting this to a commuter lot we won't have cars parked in Lot X in the middle of the night and we feel confident we can contact commuters via e2campus during the day so that they can move their cars before damage occurs.

Why are Faculty and Staff lots not available for commuters?

Just like we need to provide a designated lot for commuters, we want to ease the burden of finding parking for faculty and staff. Based on ratios provided to us by off-campus parking experts, we have more spots than we need to accommodate commuters in Lot X. That means commuters should always be able to find a spot in Lot X during the day!

Who can park on the streets around (and on) campus?

Faculty and Staff only. And just to be extra clear - that means that residents are only authorized to park in residential lots; residents with a Premium Pass are only authorized to park in their designated Premium Location or Lot; and commuters are only authorized to park in Lot X.

I am a commuter, where can I park at night and on weekends?

Commuter students are authorized to park in Lot X during the day and in Lot X and all other F/S lots (A,F,H,J,M,N,O, R and S) between 4pm - midnight M-F and on Saturday & Sunday from 7am - midnight.

I am a commuter and I want to stay on campus with a friend overnight, what should I do?

Call Campus Police for a temporary parking pass if you will be on campus between midnight and 7am.

Why did you lower the cost of parking tickets?

The number one complaint about college parking was about the high price of our tickets. We believe strongly that those who follow the parking rules should not be inconvenienced by those who do not; so fines still exist, they are just much lower (the most common ticket on campus dropped from \$300 to \$75).

Why did you raise the cost of parking permits?

1. There are costs associated with building and maintaining parking lots. And, we want the user of those lots to pay their "share" of those costs (70% of resident students choose not to bring a car to campus).
2. As an urban college we are landlocked. We have a limited footprint to provide parking on campus, so we have to control the number of cars on campus each day.
3. Although public transportation is available, we know that most commuters need a car to get back and forth to campus, so we've kept those costs lower. Residential Parking is a privilege, so students who choose to bring a car to campus are charged a higher rate. Resident students may also choose to buy a parking permit from a city garage if they choose. Bottom line - residents have options.