



PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
Thursday, May 16, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, Oregon 97365

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 Memorandum: [Memorandum](#)

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 April 17, 2024 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting.
[Draft Parking Advisory Comm Mtg Minutes 04-17-2024](#)
[04-17-2024 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Video Link](#)

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 4.1 Status Report on the Installation of the Bayfront Parking Meter and Regulatory Signs.
- 4.2 Preliminary Data from the Bayfront Parking Program Since the May 1st Launch Date.
- 4.3 Update on Changes to the Bayfront MobilePay/”Text to Park” Platform.
- 4.4 Opportunity for Committee Members to Share Observations About the Bayfront Rollout.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the Work Group's attention any item not listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person with a maximum of 15 minutes for all items. Speakers may not yield their time to others.

6. ADJOURNMENT

HANDOUTS

Meeting Materials:

- [Bayfront Parking Management Plan](#)
- [Parking General FAQ](#)
- [Sample Targeted FAQ - Charter Fishing](#)
- [Recent News Articles Regarding the Roll Out](#)

Memorandum

To: Parking Advisory Committee
From: Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Date: May 13, 2024
Re: Topics for May 16, 2024 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting

For this meeting, we have identified five agenda items for the Parking Advisory Committee's consideration. First, is a status report on the installation of the Bayfront parking meter and regulatory signs. This will be followed by a review of preliminary data from the Bayfront collected since the May 1st launch date. The third item is an update on changes the City is pursuing as a work around to a limitation in the Bayfront MobilePay/"Text to Park" platform that will not allow individuals to pay prior to the 11am start time. A fourth agenda item includes a couple of Bayfront operational issues where it would be helpful to have your feedback on how best to proceed. Lastly, we have reserved time at the end for committee members to share their observations about the bayfront rollout.

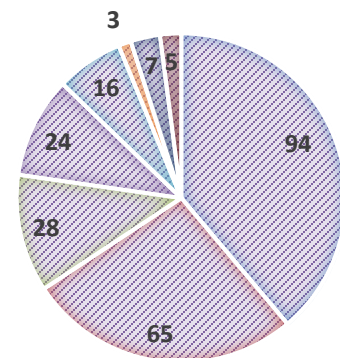
With respect to the installation of the pay stations and regulatory signs, Public Works staff is substantially finished. There are a handful of additional poles and regulatory signs to be installed along Canyon Way, Hatfield Drive, and the end of Bay Blvd. They are also adjusting the height of several poles, elevating them in some cases so that QR code "pay to park" signs can be added. In other cases, they are adjusting the regulatory signs down so that they are easier to read. The city has received some complaints about the height of some of the signs. Public Works is trying to balance legibility with safety, with signs in pedestrian areas having a 7-ft minimum clear area. Additional 60-minute loading zone signs have been ordered, as we were short on those items. There are also locations where the city would like to install signs where the only option is a Central Lincoln PUD pole. Staff is following up with PUD to see if they will allow us to place signs at those locations. Public Works will also be installing "Entering Paid Parking Area" signs on Canyon Way, Bay Blvd, and Hatfield. Those signs need to be fabricated, so it may take a few weeks.

With respect to data, as of May 13, 2024, the City has issued 237 monthly or annual permits. A total of 55 day use charter fishing permits have also been issued. The \$45 mo.

Zone A permits have been the most popular, with 94 being issued to date. There are 115 spaces in that zone. The pace at which permits are being purchased has slowed considerably, and last week

ACTIVE E-PERMITS AS OF 5/13/24

- Zone A Monthly Parking Permit
- Zone C Annual Permit
- Zone D Annual Permit
- Commercial Fishing Monthly Permit
- Zone B Monthly Parking Permit
- Zone D Monthly Parking Permit
- Zone C Monthly Parking Permit
- Fishing Charter Day Permit



the City issued its first refund to an individual that is no longer working on the Bayfront. Our approach to responding to refund requests is provide them on a pro-rated basis. There have also been a handful of individuals who purchased the wrong permits. In those cases, we have had to cancel and reissue the permit.

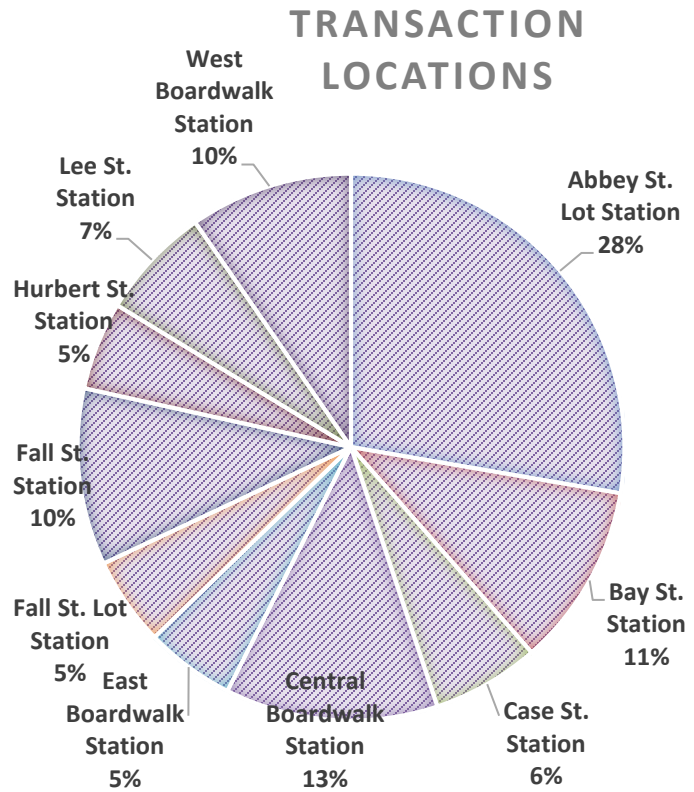
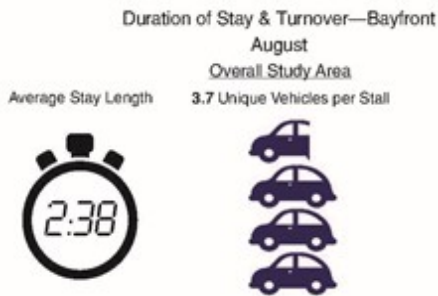
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Total: 3,286

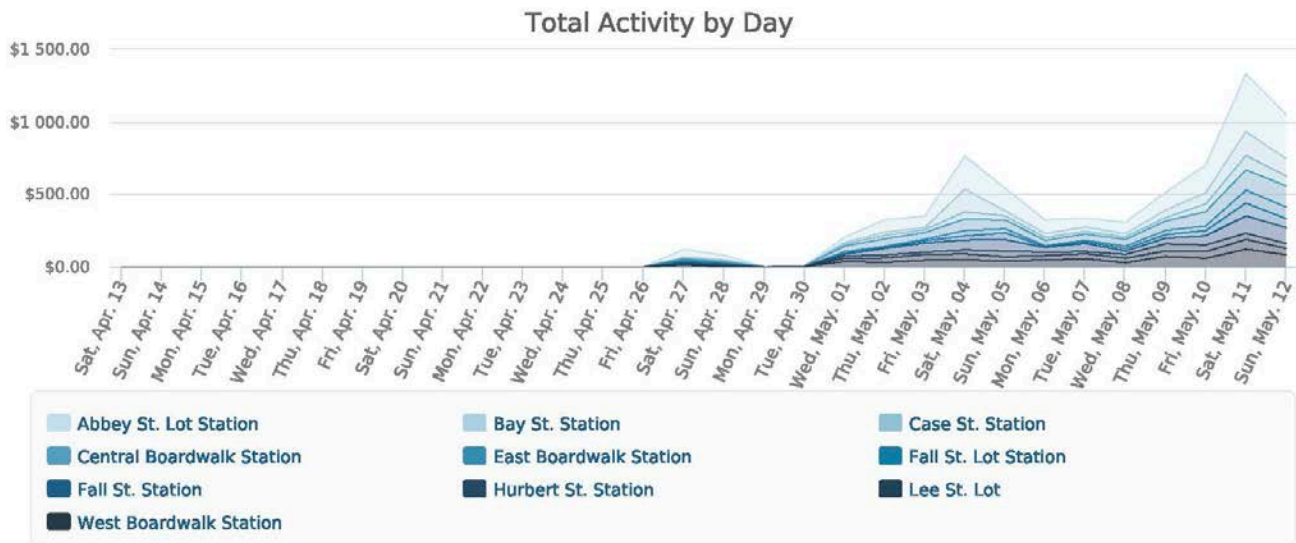
Amount: \$6,936.20

Transaction (Avg): \$2.11

Data from 2018 Parking Plan



Above is a summary of collections over the first two weeks of May, with about two thirds of the activity occurring this last weekend. The pie chart shows the percentage of activity at each pay station. T2 MobilePay signs are correlated to the nearest pay station, and those transactions are picked up in this figure. The Abbey Street lot, and adjacent areas along Bay Blvd have been the most active, followed by the Central Boardwalk Station. The average transaction is the closest we can correlate to length of stay, and it is coming in at about ½ hour under the length of stay documented in the 2018 Parking Study. A little more than half of the transactions (51%) are MobilePay/text to park.”

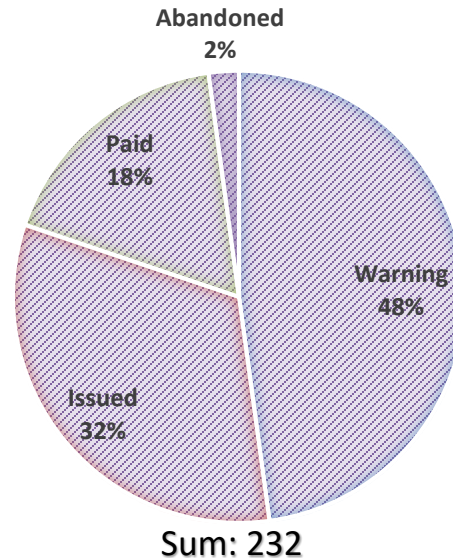


The map on the previous page shows total activity by day, with significant spikes occurring on the weekends. This is likely to even out a bit as the school year winds down, and we move into the summer.

Parking enforcement for the month of May has focused heavily on informing patrons of the new parking program. This is reflected in the data to the right, with close to half of enforcement staff's time being dedicated in this manner.

The third item on the agenda is an update on steps staff is taking to address an implementation issue with T2 System's MobilePay/Text to Park platform, where it will not allow patrons to pay to park prior to 11am. We have a meeting with a representative from T2 Systems and their partner TEZ that is scheduled for May 14th that might resolve the issue. Staff will update the committee on Thursday.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT MAY 2024



The fourth agenda item relates to a couple of issues staff would appreciate your feedback on how best to proceed. The first relates to a loading zone next to 345 SW Bay Blvd (photo below)



Marine Discovery Tours operates at this location, and they are asking that the loading zone next to their business be designated as a bus zone. There are a number of tour buses that drop off guests and youth groups, some of which park for longer than the 60 minutes allowed for loading zones. There are no other businesses proximate to this loading zone. If the committee is comfortable with the request, then the City Manager can issue a traffic order to sign the location as a bus zone (per NMC 6.05.015). A motion is needed to ensure that the committee's preference is reflected in the meeting minutes.

The other issue relates to an apartment at 859 SW Bay Blvd on the west end of the Bayfront (photo below). It possesses a single car garage as shown, with a driveway approach that is shared with the Coast Guard. The unit was approved in 1999 through a conditional use process (File No. 3-CUP-99), and a condition was imposed requiring two off-street parking spaces, or annual payment in lieu of providing the spaces. The payment in lieu program was discontinued a number of years ago. There are currently two residents, each with their own vehicle. The City hasn't put together a residential permit option, since there are very few dwellings in the regulated area. Available options include creating a residential parking permit or maintaining the status quo. If a permit is offered, then options could include a \$100 annual or \$45 mo. permit). The unit is in an area that is setup as meter only. A permit could be created for the area as an invitation only given the properties unique situation. Maintaining the status quo, means the individual would need to park upslope along SW 13th or in front of the Coast Guard, where fees do not apply, or they would need to park outside of the regulated hours of 11am to 7pm. A motion is needed on this item as well, to ensure that the Committee's preference is reflected in the meeting minutes.



The last agenda item is a placeholder for committee members to share their observations about the Bayfront rollout. Some of the issues staff has run into over the last couple of weeks include challenges with sign placement, and locations where there is not a safe place to install needed signs. Additionally, the pay stations and “text to park” capabilities didn't initially provide for advanced payment on Day 1. That has been fixed on the pay stations, and we are coordinating with the vendor on a work around for the “QR Code/text to park” option. Other issues include confusion over the City of Newport's parking program versus Ripley's private pay to park lot, frustration that the monthly “A Zone Permit” doesn't guarantee the permit holder a parking spot, and a desire to see the City deploy more text to park signs, so that they can be more conveniently accessed. Staff has also received feedback from individuals upset with having to pay for parking. Attached for reference is a copy of the Bayfront Parking Management Plan, the general FAQ, a sample of targeted FAQs we are developing, and news articles regarding the rollout.

Attachments

- Bayfront Parking Management Plan,
- Parking General FAQ,
- Sample Targeted FAQ - Charter Fishing,
- Recent News Articles Regarding the Roll Out

**City of Newport
Draft Parking Advisory Committee Minutes
April 17, 2024**

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWPORT CITY HALL, 169 SW COAST HIGHWAY, NEWPORT	
Time Start: 6:27 P.M.	Time End: 6:58 P.M.

ATTENDANCE LOG/ROLLCALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER	STAFF
Chair Janell Goplen (by video)	Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Aracelly Guevara	Sherri Marineau, Community Development Dept.
Aaron Bretz (absent)	Donald Valentine, Community Service Officer (by video)
Gary Ripka (by video)	Travis Reeves, IT Dept.
Bill Branigan (by video)	Travis Tibbetts, Public Works Streets
Doretta Smith (absent, excused)	
Robert Emond (by video)	

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>a. Roll Call</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</p> <p>a. Meeting minutes of March 20, 2024</p>	<p>Motion by Bill Branigan, seconded by Janell Goplen to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024 as written. Motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.</p>
<p>SCHEDULE FOR INSTALLING THE BAYFRONT PARKING METERS AND NEW REGULATORY SIGNS</p> <p>a. Discussion on implementation schedule</p> <p>b. Committee feedback and comments</p>	<p>Travis Reeves gave an update on the schedule to install the cameras for the Bayfront parking kiosks.</p> <p>Travis Tibbetts gave an update on the installation of the parking signs after the kiosks were installed and ready to go live. Tokos reminded the installation would be done sometime between April 24th or 26th.</p> <p>Goplen asked if there would be outreach to the community to announce that the pay stations were being installed. Tokos would send notice to businesses and with do some additional outreach to them.</p>
<p>ELECTRONIC PERMITTING ROLLOUT AND OPTIONS</p>	<p>Mr. Tokos asked the committee for their thoughts on allowing persons who purchased the Tier 1 permits for Zone A to be able to park in the Zone C which was a Tier 2 area. The committee was in general agreement with this.</p>

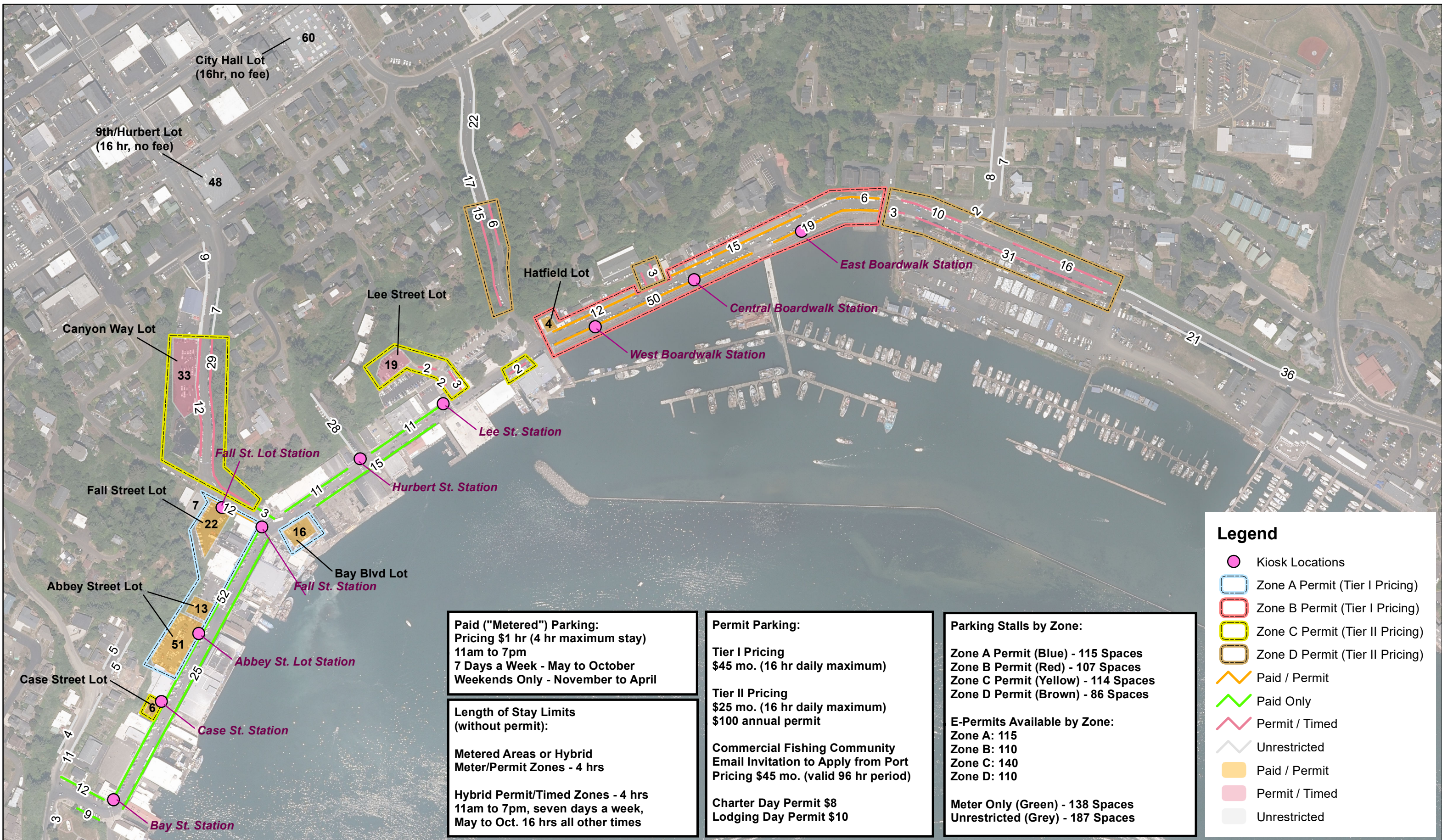
	<p>Ripka expressed concerns that the fishermen didn't understand that the commercial fishing permits were for both Zones B and D.</p> <p>Emond wanted to know if the license plate recognition would know when someone who had a Zone A permit was parked in a Zone C area. He thought it would be good to have a report that showed the percentage of Zone A permit holders who parked in Zone C.</p> <p>Motion by Goplen, seconded by Branigan to allow a Tier 1 permit to be able to park in the adjacent Tier 2 areas. Motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.</p> <p>Tokos noted there was a request to revisit how the off-season pricing should be set. The Committee was in general consensus to revisit the discussion at a future meeting.</p>
<p>UPDATED CITY PARKING WEBSITE INFORMATION</p>	<p>Ripka thought it wasn't clear that the commercial fishing permits were by invitation only. Tokos would make this clearer for the public.</p>
<p>DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 PARKING FUND BUDGET</p>	<p>Tokos reviewed the draft Parking Fund budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.</p> <p>Goplen questioned where the funds for the underground wiring for the Wi-Fi system would come from. Tokos explained there was a utility underground fund with a contingency they might be able to tap into, but at this time it would be a "to be continued" discussion point.</p> <p>Ripka asked where the funds to work on the patrol vehicle software came from. Tokos explained issues on the license plate recognition was under the T2 Systems contract. Valentine reported the license plate recognition system was working good.</p> <p>Tokos reported the Commercial Fisherman User Group meeting would be held on April 18th at City Hall and Aaron Bretz would be present for the meeting.</p> <p>Tokos reported the May 15th Committee meeting would need to be changed because the city's volunteer appreciation event was happening that night. The Committee was in general agreement to change the meeting to May 16th.</p>
<p>CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>None.</p>

Submitted by: _____

Sherry Marineau, Executive Assistant

April 17, 2023 - Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Video Link:

https://thecityofnewport.granicus.com/player/clip/1241?view_id=44&redirect=true



Paid ("Metered") Parking:
 Pricing \$1 hr (4 hr maximum stay)
 11am to 7pm
 7 Days a Week - May to October
 Weekends Only - November to April

Length of Stay Limits (without permit):

Metered Areas or Hybrid Meter/Permit Zones - 4 hrs

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 11am to 7pm, seven days a week,
 May to Oct. 16 hrs all other times

Permit Parking:

Tier I Pricing
 \$45 mo. (16 hr daily maximum)

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 Email Invitation to Apply from Port
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Parking Stalls by Zone:

Zone A Permit (Blue) - 115 Spaces
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E-Permits Available by Zone:
 Zone A: 115
 Zone B: 110
 Zone C: 140
 Zone D: 110

Meter Only (Green) - 138 Spaces
Unrestricted (Grey) - 187 Spaces

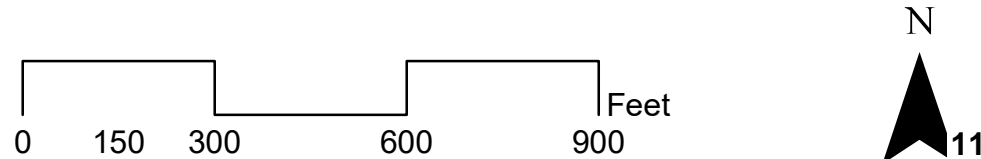
Legend

- Kiosk Locations
- Zone A Permit (Tier I Pricing)
- Zone B Permit (Tier I Pricing)
- Zone C Permit (Tier II Pricing)
- Zone D Permit (Tier II Pricing)
- Paid / Permit
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Bay Front Parking Management Plan

Aerial Image Taken 2021
 4-inch, 4-band Digital Orthophotos
 Date: October 13, 2023 (v9)



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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?

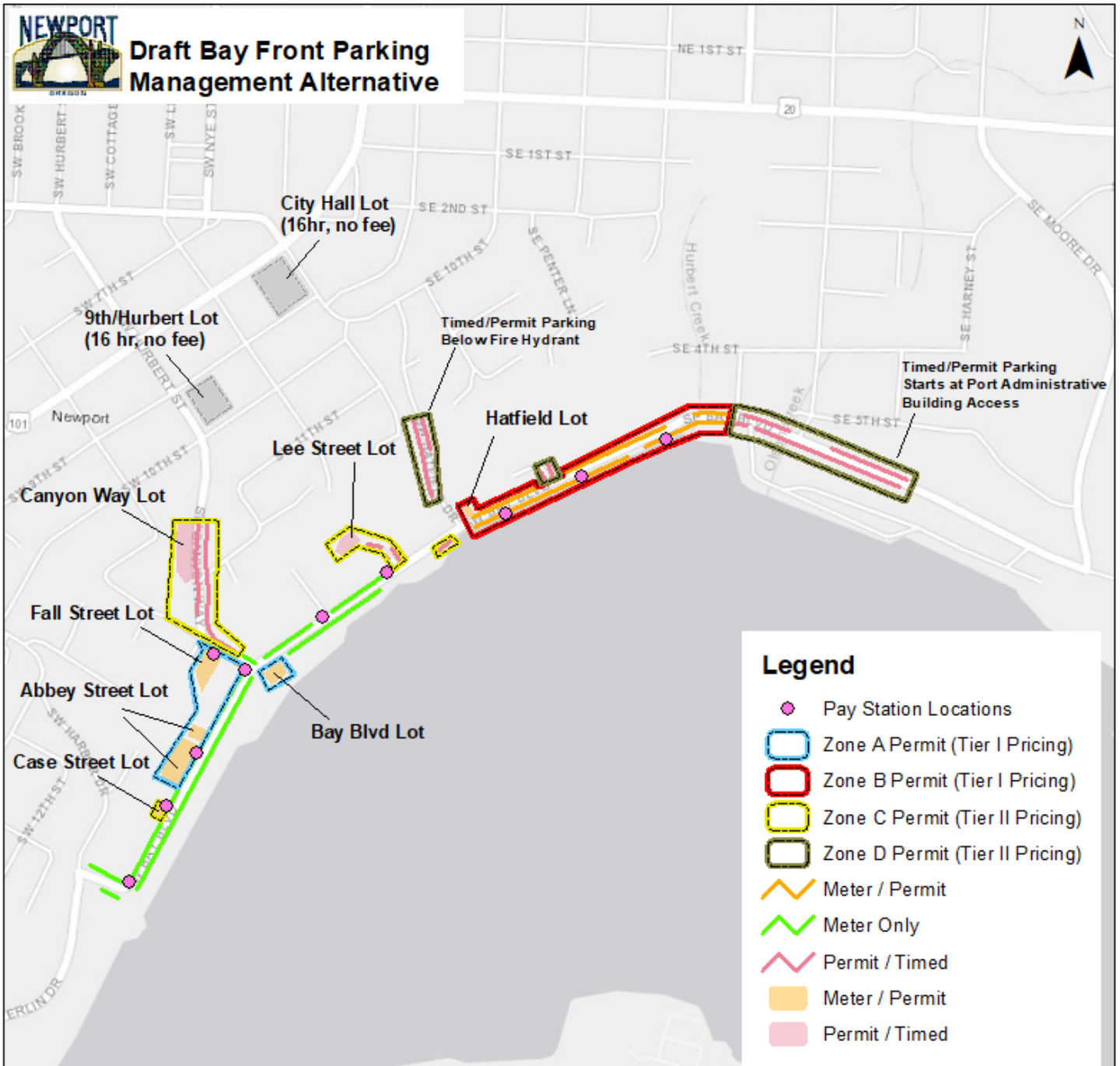
The City will provide a break-in period of at least 30-days to help educate users about the new rules. They will only be issuing warnings during that time period. The City has hired a new parking enforcement officer who will be using License Plate Recognition (LPR) technology to efficiently identify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



Draft Bay Front Parking Management Alternative



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Newport’s Plan for Managing Parking along the Bayfront?

Effective May 1, 2024, the City established paid parking, paid/permit, and permit/timed parking areas for the Bayfront’s public streets and parking lots. The plan is based upon a parking study that the City completed with stakeholder input, that was formally adopted in 2020. Implementation was delayed due to the COVID pandemic.

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What Parking Options are Available to Commercial Fishing Charter Patrons?

Metered and timed parking areas are available for those that do not need to park for more than 4 hours. A charter day permit can be purchased for those on longer trips. The charter day permit authorizes vehicles to be parked for up to 14 hours.

Which Parking Areas are Available to Vehicles with a Fishing Charter Day Use Parking Permit?

Permits are valid in Zone “A” and Zone “C,” which includes the Abbey Street Lot, Bay Blvd Lot, Case Street Lot, Canyon Way Lot, and Lee Street Lot as depicted on the above map.

How do I Obtain a Commercial Fishing Charter Day Use Parking Permit?

Electronic parking permits can be purchased online through the Parking Patron Portal on the City of Newport website at <https://www.tocite.net/newportoregon/Portal>, or by scanning the QR Code at the charter company. You will be required to enter your vehicles license plate number when applying for a permit.

Who do I Contact to Learn More about the Parking Permits?

For additional information, you can contact the City of Newport Community Development Department at 541-574-0629, option 2 or s.marineau@newportoregon.gov.

Gearing up for paid parking on Newport Bayfront

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

Beginning in May, motorists who park on the Newport Bayfront will be charged a fee, the first pay-to-park program established by a city in Lincoln County.

The paid parking program will affect the entire Bayfront, although there will be some differences in certain regions. Newport Director of Community Development Derrick Tokos said for metered parking, "It's going to be \$1 an hour. There's some areas where it's meter only. There's other areas where it's meter unless you have a

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The new pay-to-park program on the Newport Bayfront will go into effect in May. This parking enforcement vehicle is equipped with a camera array that will scan license plates, alerting an officer if a parking fee has not been paid. (Photo by Steve Card)

Siletz with kill

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

A Siletz man has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the death of his mother.

At around 9:30 p.m. March 11, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office responded to the 400 block of East Logsdon Road after receiving a report of a deceased woman at that location. When deputies arrived in the area, they located 79-year-old Judy D. Poe lying near a motor vehicle. She had died of apparent blunt force trauma to the head,

Recruiting and retaining employees is challenge for some businesses

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The impact of Oregon's tight labor market can be seen in Lincoln, Tillamook, Columbia and Clatsop counties, which have an average of 4,700 job openings on any given day, according to Oregon Employment Department

Regional Economist Shaun Barrick.

Right after the COVID pandemic, the challenge, according to Barrick, was many businesses hiring at the same time.

"While there were many unemployed

workers, there was so much competition for those workers," he said. "What we've seen over the last two years is the number of vacant positions has gone down. The

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Business strategies have shifted since the COVID pandemic in an effort to gain and retain employees. (Courtesy photo)



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permit, and then there are some areas that are just a time limitation unless you have a permit, so those are the three areas we've got." In the cases where somebody is paying a meter, there is a four-hour limit, he added.

The Bayfront parking program that was approved by the Newport City Council established the fee for parking between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week, from May through October. From November through April, the meters will be operating from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only.

"We have informed everybody that they'll have to have paid parking permits effective the first of May," Tokos said. "Up to this point, we've



The Newport Public Works Department will soon be installing a number of signs along the Bayfront with information related to the new paid parking system. (Photo by Steve Card)

done kind of a soft rollout where folks can go get a free, courtesy permit, and we actually had quite a few people enroll through that.

"We're going to continue to push out information as we move toward the summer," he added. "With the soft rollout, we've had an opportunity

to speak with a lot of people, and the last I checked, we were over 350 e-permits, so a lot of people are getting ready for it and talking to us about it."

The city has purchased 10 parking stations, which will be installed soon. "We ran into a little hiccup trying to get our security cameras up,

and we don't want to put up the pay stations unless we have eyes on them because they do accept money," Tokos said. "Once we have our security cameras up, our public works folks will do a massive sign swap-out over a two to three-day period to get all the new regulatory signs up, the text-to-park signs up, the parking lot identification signs up ... it's a whole battery of signs."

The "text-to-park" option allows a person to pay directly from a cellphone, rather than walking over to a pay station. This is made possible because the entire program functions through a license plate identification system.

"All of this is license plate driven," Tokos said. "In text-to-park, you go in there and do your payment, you plug in your license plate information, and that goes into the cloud data base."

The newly hired parking enforcement officer has a car outfitted with a camera array, and the system can read license plates as he drives around the Bayfront. "That allows a single parking enforcement officer to do multiple cycles through the



Ten parking stations will be placed around the Newport Bayfront to collect parking fees. Paid parking will be in effect seven days a week from May through October, and weekends only during other months. (Courtesy photo)

Bayfront in a day, whereas that was impossible with the old manual meters," said Tokos. "The same principle applies to the e-permits. So when someone goes in and purchases and electronic permit, they don't have a placard or anything that they have to stick on their vehicle."

As each license plate is read through the camera, it will indicate whether or not a particular vehicle is legally parked. "So it goes ping, ping, ping, ping, and if it hits a vehicle where they don't have a permit or they didn't pay and they were supposed to, then (the officer) has a handheld (scanner), so he goes out and double checks it," Tokos said. If this second check verifies the parking fee was not paid, "then he just prints a ticket right off the handheld."

The total city budget for this paid parking project was \$640,000, with about half of that going toward resurfacing two Bayfront parking lots and paving a third. The city is projecting revenue to be between \$350,000 and \$500,000 per year, with these funds dedicated for reinvestment in the Bayfront Parking District, as well as paying for parking enforcement, which is not specific to that district.

People who have searched for a parking space on the Bayfront in the past may have seen signs for a pay-to-park program called AirGarage, which are posted in a few locations. These parking areas are not part of the city's parking program, according to Tokos. "That's all private. We have no role in that," he said.

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Market Share Report for Lincoln County MLS ~ 1/1/2023—12/31/2023

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Company	Market Share (%)
Advantage RE	5.0
Cascade Sotheby's Intl	4.5
Coast Real Estate	4.0
Coldwell Banker Prof Grp LC	6.5
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Domition Coast & Valley	1.0
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Travis Tibbetts, standing, and Matt Hall, with the Newport Public Works Department, install a pay station at the Fall Street parking lot. It is one of 10 stations that will be located throughout the Bayfront. (Photo by Steve Card)

Parking fees now active on Newport Bayfront

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

As of today (Wednesday, May 1), the city of Newport's new pay-to-park program on the Bayfront is up and running.

Newport Public Works employees were busy last week installing 10 new pay stations, along with new signage — regulatory signs, text-to-park signs, parking lot identification signs — to help inform motorists of the new system. There are around 240 signs in total, officials said.

The fee for parking will be in effect between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week, from May through October. From

November through April, people will only be required to pay for parking from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The paid parking program is in effect at every public parking space on the Bayfront, although there are some differences in certain regions. Newport Director of Community Development Derrick Tokos said for metered parking, "It's going to be \$1 an hour. There's some areas where it's meter only. There's other areas where it's meter unless you have a permit, and then there are some areas that are just a time limitation unless you have a permit."

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Drill prepares hospital for armed intruder invasion

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Loop in Eddyville. When the deputy conducted a traffic stop, the driver of the vehicle immediately exited and was uncooperative, refusing to follow

were deployed several times, but the driver swerved around them. Benton County Sheriff's Office deputies took over the pursuit as the vehicle continued to

Once the vehicle was stopped, the driver, later identified as 33-year-old Gregory Noll, of Vancouver, Washington, refused to exit the vehicle," Spano said. "After

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In the cases where somebody is paying a meter, there is a four-hour limit, he added.

There are pay stations at several locations around the Bayfront, as opposed to individual meters at each parking space. People also have the text-to-park option, allowing them to pay directly from a cellphone, rather than walking over to a pay station. This is made possible because the entire program functions through a license plate identification system.

"All of this is license plate driven," Tokos said. "In text-to-park, you go in there and do your payment, you plug in your license plate information, and that goes into the cloud data base."

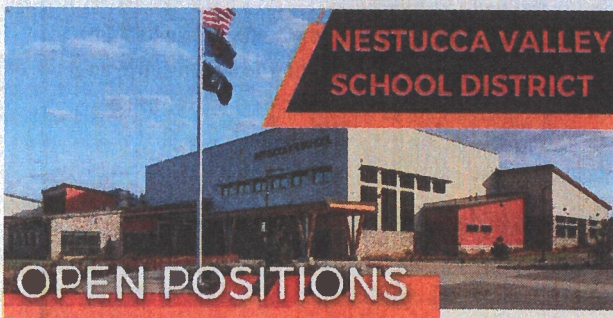
This license plate system applies both to metered and permit parking.

A parking enforcement officer will scan license plates while driving along the Bayfront, and there will be an alert on the scanner if a particular license plate indicates that no parking fee was paid for that vehicle.

The total city budget for this paid parking project was \$640,000, with about

half of that going toward resurfacing two Bayfront parking lots and paving a third. The city is projecting revenue of between \$350,000 and \$500,000 per year, which will be reinvested in the Bayfront Parking District and also used to pay for parking enforcement.

There are some Bayfront businesses that have parking available on their private property. These parking spaces are managed by those individual businesses and are not part of the city's pay-to-park program.



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