

CAR PARKING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WHY IS COUNCIL INTRODUCING PAID PARKING?

The City of Palmerston is introducing a user pays system of paid car parking in the city centre as part of the Palmerston City Centre Parking Strategy. A user pays system means that the funding for car parking, including any future multi-deck car park, comes from the users of car parking not rate payers.

WHAT PARKING SYSTEM IS COUNCIL INTRODUCING?

The parking system is a pay and display system. Parking meters operate between Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm. To use this system, park your vehicle, decide how long you expect to stay and pay at the nearest meter. You will receive a parking ticket clearly indicating when your parking time expires. Place the ticket on your vehicle's dashboard, face up, so it is clearly visible from outside the vehicle.

HOW MUCH WILL PARKING COST?

 **ZONE A - \$1.80 P/H**

WITH MAXIMUM STAY 2 HOURS

 **ZONE B - \$1.00 P/H**

TO A MAXIMUM CHARGE OF \$4
FOR 4 HOURS OR MORE
(ALL DAY)

- Annual all day parking permits will be available at a cost of \$400 (charge reduced quarterly for part year)

Parking will remain free of charge for all parking areas signed as 1 hour or less.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING?

Vehicles parked in a charged parking bay between Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm must pay to park. Parking charges do not apply on statutory NT public holidays.

HOW DO I PAY FOR PARKING?

Parking meters are located throughout the city centre. All parking meters will accept coins and paywave credit cards. Parking meters do not give change and do not accept 5 cent pieces.

I HAVE A VALID DISABILITY PARKING PERMIT WILL I HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING?

Vehicles displaying a valid disability permit and parked in a signed disabled parking bay may park free of charge. Where a vehicle displaying a valid disability permit is parked in a charged parking bay, the vehicle may park for twice the period shown on the purchased parking ticket.

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING WHEN I GO TO THE SHOPS?

All Council parking areas in the Palmerston city centre signed as 1 hour or less are free.

Vehicles parked in a charged parking bay between Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm must pay to park. Parking in shopping centre car parks is currently free of charge.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARK A MOTORCYCLE?

Parking is free for motorcycles parked in designated motorcycle parking bays. Where a motorcycle parks in a car parking bay the motorcycle must pay the same fee as a car.

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WHERE CAN I PARK FOR FREE IN THE CITY CENTRE?

All Council parking areas in the Palmerston city centre signed as 1 hour or less are free.

Parking in shopping centre car parks is currently free of charge.

All day free parking is available at the Palmerston Water Park car park which can be accessed from Roystonea Ave.

HOW DO I RESERVE A CAR PARKING BAY?

Motorists cannot reserve car parking bays. Motorists can purchase an annual parking permit for Zone B (all day) parking areas. The annual parking permit will cost \$400 but does not guarantee that a car park will be available.

WHERE DO I PURCHASE AN ANNUAL PARKING PERMIT?

Annual Zone B parking permits may be purchased from Customer Service at the City of Palmerston.

IS THERE A CONCESSION OR SENIOR'S DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR THE ANNUAL PARKING PERMIT?

The annual parking permit offers approximately a 50% discount for all day annual parking. No further discounts apply.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PARKING METER IS OUT OF SERVICE?

Please report parking meter faults by phoning the City of Palmerston on 8935 9958. If a parking meter is out of service, you must use the nearest available pay and display parking meter for that zone.

WHAT IS COUNCIL DOING TO INCREASE AVAILABLE PARKING IN THE CITY CENTRE?

Council is currently working with a developer on a proposal for a multi-level car parking facility in the city centre.

Council encourages people to use public transport, walk or ride a bicycle rather than driving into the city centre.

WHAT PARKING RULES APPLY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALMERSTON?

The Australian Road Rules apply throughout the City of Palmerston.

WHAT AUTHORITY DO COUNCIL RANGERS HAVE TO ENFORCE PARKING RULES?

The Northern Territory Traffic Regulations, Part 3 Infringement Parking Schemes, Division 3, clause 52 provides the necessary authority for Council Rangers to enforce parking rules:

52 Officer of competent authority

(1) If a parking infringement (other than a contravention of rule 212 or 213) is committed in a municipality within the meaning of the Local Government Act, a reference in this Division to an officer of the competent authority includes a reference to an officer or employee of the council of the municipality (whether or not the place where the parking infringement was committed is under the care, control or management of the council).

(2) An officer of a competent authority who is performing duties relating to the enforcement of these Regulations regarding the parking or stopping of vehicles may park or stop a vehicle at a place or for a time not otherwise permitted.

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