

## Great Falls Parking Survey - 2011

**Q1. Would you be interested in purchasing a monthly pass that allowed you to park in a garage and/or a surface lot?**

Mean:		2.0
Standard Deviation:		0.9
Responses	Count	Percent
Yes	80	38.6%
Uncertain	37	17.9%
No	90	43.5%

**Q2. Would you be interested in a universal permit that would allow you to park in a garage, surface lot or meter (with a 2 hour time limitation at a meter)?**

Mean:		1.8
Standard Deviation:		0.9
Responses	Count	Percent
Yes	105	51.2%
Uncertain	29	14.1%
No	71	34.6%

**Q3. Are you primarily a:**

Mean:		2.2
Standard Deviation:		0.9
Responses	Count	Percent
Worker	63	30.3%
Business Owner	39	18.8%
Shopper	106	51.0%

**Q4. How much would you pay for a universal permit?**

Minimum	Maximum	Mean
0.0	100.0	7.7

### Additional Comments?

- I shop downtown fairly regularly, and have no problem with the existing system.
- I would stop visiting downtown shops and stores if this system is put into place. The Mall and other stores away from the downtown area would get my business as well as my friends and family business. Everyone I have spoken to says they would not shop downtown.
- It seems there should be a device similar to the scan that is used when drivers use toll roads or bridges (ie. Golden Gate Bridge) simply affixes the sticker to your windshield and if parked the sticker is scanned and noted of the use. Or what about businesses validation for shoppers to use on their trips downtown? Unless these "universal permits" are more easily accessible than what has been described on the news people are not going to go out of their way to buy these. What about the out of town shopper that comes downtown - where will they go to purchase these?
- Remove the meters; I don't shop down town just for the reason I have to pay to park. I don't pay at Wal-Mart / Shop-Ko/ Mall/ Target...your killing the down town area and it's all because I have to pay to shop...the business could pay an extra fee if that is what it takes to remove these meters.... But they need to be GONE.
- We stopped shopping downtown because of two tickets. There are stores we would like to go to but parking is such a hassle. Last time (months ago) I tried to find a place, all I saw was a person walking all over

writing tickets. So that was that. I do not go to the Library unless it's after 5. I see no point in paying .50 cents for dropping books off. Can the meters be removed? What about more parking space...lots? Something. I do wish to shop downtown but I will not because of two tickets. I do not like to watch the clock and shop....I take my time. It seems my dollars will go elsewhere. Yes, I prefer to support the locals but not the tickets. Money is an issue. Good luck with this.

- REMOVE THE METERS
- The time is now to remove the meters
- I can't believe you would ask to have someone pay to SHOP in Great Falls just to park...big box stores are making money because people do NOT want to pay to park...
- I don't shop much now because of parking problems downtown. This would make it worse.
- You say you bring in 80K. What is the net sum the city gets after all expenses?
- We have 2 hr. parking in areas that do not have any businesses with a parking customer base and parking meters in the same situation. This just makes employees pay to park in areas that are meant for customers (non-existent) and waste time moving vehicles during the day because there is nowhere else to park. Nonsense.
- There should be more parking garages than just the two. There are more workers than two parking lots allow.
- The two-hour limit does not provide enough time for someone to shop, lunch, and utilize services like those available in salons. I believe a 3-hour limit would be more inviting for browsing, meeting friends for lunch and utilizing services downtown while also providing for necessary turnover. Also, the tokens available for businesses to purchase are outdated in their value. Why do we not have at least quarter tokens? That would be more appropriate to the current cost of parking.
- Meters should be removed. I will not shop downtown. I'm not going to drive from Choteau to pay for the "privilege" of spending my money there. WalMart and Holiday Village get our business.
- I don't shop downtown much at all, so that would be the reason for not wanting to pay much for the permit. I figure I would spend about \$3 per month at the most for parking for the amount of time spent downtown.
- I ONLY GO DOWNTOWN ONCE IN A WHILE SO IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A YEAR PASS FOR ME.
- Lose the meters or lose downtown
- Fix your current meters.
- I would only be willing to pay that amount if it had a longer than 2 hour limit... if it is a 2-hour limit what is the point.... Seriously!!!
- I already pay \$40/month to park in the new garage. I would be upset if this new system creates competition for the best spots in the garage.
- Really bad idea. The only justification for parking meters is to cause turnover. Workers will use them taking away from available space for customers. GET RID OF METERS PUT FINES BACK INTO PARKING WHERE THEY BELONG RAISE FEES IN GARAGES IF NECESSARY TO MAKE UP DIFFERENCE
- This is a great idea. I hope the public goes for it. Question No. 4 does not say how long the permit would be good for, so I didn't know how to answer.
- Why not just get rid of the meters?
- Leave things just as they are.
- Get rid of meters
- I think this would be super for customers but not business owners or workers.
- Thanks!
- I would suggest an annual pass or include it into the licensing fee such as they did to enter into Giant Springs Park. We pay a lot of taxes and fees and who wants to pay to visit a store? Montana is not California! It would be nice if there were a different solution to earning money for the city rather than targeting the downtown and their stores by deterring shoppers from going there because you have to pay or you may get a ticket. I can go to Walmart or Target and not have to pay to park. Thanks

- I HAPPEN TO HAVE PARKING WITH MY BUILDING SO WOULD NOT NEED A UNIVERSAL PARKING PERMIT. I THINK THE IDEA OF A UNIVERSAL PARKING PERMIT MIGHT BE GOOD BUT DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF IT BEING ABLE TO BE USED AT THE METERS. WE WANT THE METERS FOR THE USE OF OUR CUSTOMERS NOT BUSINESS OWNERS OR WORKERS. I THINK A PERMIT THAT COULD BE USED AT THE GARAGES OR THE SURFACE LOTS WOULD BE FINE.
- If you do this, downtown workers will be using up shoppers prime parking spots, not a good idea
- I would buy the universal permit only if I could park at a meter for more than 2 hours at a time.
- 2 hours isn't enough time for customers to come downtown, have lunch and do a little shopping. When the 2 hours are up and its time to move, they just leave.
- The cost and valid life of the card would dictate purchase. If the card expires before the value is consumed, I would not buy one.
- I no longer work downtown, but do go to meetings there a bit. I would find this flexibility very beneficial and I would be more inclined to come downtown for pleasure during the day given this flexibility. I do not come down more than a few times a month so I am not willing to purchase monthly passes, but something that would be good for a year or six months would work. If I was still working downtown, I would be in favor of a monthly permit that had this much flexibility and question why anyone working down there would not welcome this idea.
- Meters make downtown seem less accessible to shoppers. Towns w/o meters appear to have a healthier downtown (Coeur d'Alene, Bozeman, etc).
- Choose not to go downtown unless necessary. Parking is limited on the street and too big of a pain. In winter who wants to walk blocks from a parking garage. Easier to avoid and shop other places. Not very good shopping downtown probably due to that reason.
- This is a challenging idea. I applaud Great Falls for trying to come up with new ways to fix the parking issue.
- I also like the idea of one Parking Meter per block that is keyed into the City...they have them in Buffalo, NY and other places. People just get their ticket from the kiosk via credit card and that saves lots of staff time in the process, too.
- I think a universal permit that is paid monthly or yearly for use in any city lot/parking garage is a great idea! I think street parking should be separate and left for shoppers (at least during the week).
- I also think you should not ticket people who overstay the 15 minute free parking--not even if longer than 2 hours--unless requested to do so by the business paying the monthly bill. Who we let park there should be our business because we essentially bought the permit. The vulture-istic nature of the parking Nazi's is ludicrous and is not a good ambassadorship for downtown. If you took out the meters completely and ceased paying whatever number of employees could be reduced, you'd probably break even AND find more people would visit downtown. Something worth exploring anyway. Does anyone have the figures on what meter-generated income is versus outgo for salaries on the APCOA contract?
- Don't go downtown much....but when I do I get frustrated looking for coins.
- I think 2 hour parking limit is fine with weekends free.
- Street parking should be free, look at downtown Bozeman and what they have.
- We already have designated parking in a lot adjacent to our building downtown. I just want something that when I leave my lot to go to Subway or somewhere and I don't have a quarter to put in the meter, because I am a debit card kind of gal... a hanging decal should suffice for any place downtown, meter, lot or street.
- Permits should be monthly/annual....
- I AM HOPING THAT MY EMPLOYER WOULD ASSIST ME IN PURCHASING THE PERMIT. I AM CONSTANTLY GETTING PARKING TICKETS WHEN I PARK IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE WHERE I WORK. I AM ALSO A HANDICAPPED WORKER AND HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME WALKING LONG DISTANCES. WILL THAT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION?
- We have clients and case managers who need to run in and pick up meds or pick up client and a 2-hour

limitation would be much better

- n/a
- Sometimes I use the meters more than others, so it is hard to decide what would work, but maybe if there were different levels. That might work.
- This is a great idea! It would save people a lot of tickets and hassle. I think they should be offered yearly for large businesses.
- Since the meter rate doubled and the economy tanked our business is at the 2005 level any help to improve the downtown situation is good
- I have free parking already, but would never think of feeding a meter to shop downtown. It's easier to park and shop without worry at WalMart, the mall, etc. I know the city is hurting for money, but downtown businesses aren't exactly booming! There are a lot of empty shops in downtown Great Falls.
- We like the Public Library but rarely go. We pay taxes on a PUBLIC library and then have to turn around and PAY to use it? Never seen that anywhere but in Great Falls!
- Not only am I a shopper downtown, I am a worker, and also a resident down at the H and H properties on 7th. This would come helpful when I need to run in my apartment real quick and not forget to put change in the meter. So I believe this would be a plus to have this option. I believe this would save on parking tickets downtown.
- Great idea!
- I have my own parking spot for free, but I think this is a terrific idea.
- I need more than 2 hrs. Accountants and Attorneys never get done in 2 hours, at this point it is cheaper for me to just get a ticket than to plug the meters when I conduct business down town. Let me remind you that Holiday Village does not worry about how long I linger.
- Just eliminate the parking meters, and make this a friendly place to live and visit. The parking tolls are nuts. You can control abusive parkers with your tickets, the meters have to go!
- I currently have a parking pass for the City Garage through my employer. Why not look into adding meters that can accept your ATM/Credit Cards. They have those all over downtown Los Angeles. Would be an expense at first, but could pay off in the end.
- This idea can be good or bad depending on how it's designated. My thoughts are that it permits need to be specifically designated for a particular area meaning that a limited number be sold for use on the north side of central ave or the south side of central ave. Say BLUE for North and RED for south maybe. This will prevent a lot of workers from all piling into one ramp or the other but the North ramp seems more popular. As far as the meter situation you will ALWAYS have trouble because a lot of the workers don't care what the merchants think. Merchants want those meters available and turning over for their patrons so if you allow a worker of downtown to park in front of a merchants business for 2 hours or more I guarantee you will have one angry shop owner. This permit idea is NOT good to include meters and as a matter of fact it would be a good idea if all downtown workers were forbidden from parking at the meters period when on shift. I know that some businesses offer a discounted rate for parking to their employees and most take advantage of that and park in designated lots however, there has been an on going issue with plenty of other workers who insist on their convenience and do the parking shuffle every day all day long. They will simply come out and move to the very next space, feed the meter and come back again in 2 hours. The biggest deterrent you could implement to prevent the Convenience Parkers is to increase the Overtime in Zone fine and strictly enforce it. Double the fine if not paid in 10 days and double that if not paid every 10 days after that. The habitual offenders get away with more than you realize and the parking enforcement can only "catch" a few. By now you must realize that I am a former "meter maid" with a combined 7 years on the streets that started back in 1992. The streets were more hostile back then and to this day there are harsh comments about Parking Enforcers. They have a tough job for many reasons and treating angrily by many including the contractors that are at their work sites in the downtown district. Whether they are parked at a meter that's not paid or they think they can park in front of a hydrant, on the sidewalk or in the endzone....they think while they are working that they can break the rules. And when confronted with a

pleasant request to move or pay the meter the enforcer is often met with hostility. Which is very hard to deflect at times especially when you are called some pretty ugly names. Oh ya, and if I get started on hydrants, especially the one at the west end of the post office, I won't let up. That hydrant is a huge money maker if only an officer could park in plain clothes and hand out ready-made citations when someone comes up there to park. No one cares about the hydrant and why it's not a good idea to park there. "I'm only gonna be a minute" they always say. Just once I'd like to see a Fire truck pull up and need access to that hydrant and then bust the windows in order to get their hose to it.....that would AWESOME. Anyway.....The Universal Permits??????? I don't think you can include the meters. I might be interested in purchasing one if it were designated for a shorter time limit say 15-30 minutes. This way I delivery drivers or people running in to get food or drop off payments and the like could do so quickly and park at a meter rather than double park in the street like I see them do from time to time. Their tire can be chalked just like the normal 2 hour enforcement and then be given an Overtime in Zone citation for going over the allotted time. Once upon a time there were Alley Permits given out to a few businesses who did deliveries and needed to park in the alley behind a business while loading or unloading so maybe if a 30 minute permit was issued and purchased were told that it will be strictly enforced that it would be worth a trial period. Make it a different color for every month with a big '30' on it along with the licence plate number so it can't be used for different vehicles. Ok....I gotta quit now. I have a ton of ideas and suggestions but no more time right now. The Universal Permit needs for feedback and more thought for sure but it's good to know that there is an on going effort to find a way to make things cohesive regarding the downtown parking saga.

- I wouldn't and don't pay anything to park downtown. I just refuse to shop there. I'm a taxpayer. I already contribute enough to this city/county/state. If the city wants my business downtown, they won't charge me for the privilege of spending my hard-earned money with local businesses. There are plenty of other options for my shopping needs. Why does the city have to make it so difficult for business owners to make a living?
- Need to have permit for long term parking where there are no meters...two hr max....these areas expand too far from central...no two hour limits past 2nd st north or south...
- I am only parked at the most 5 to 10 min's I am an ATA for the center for mental health I am in and out of my car all day long 8 to 5
- Asking for \$75 to \$250 a month is absolutely ridiculous. If the city is looking for more income this is not where you are going to get it. I don't believe there are many that cannot afford to pay more than they already are for the parking garages. I think this idea would back fire as people that cannot afford the parking pass would have to park outside the metered areas which means they would have to park in residential area and I am sure the residence will complain. Better come up with another way to make the people pay for the cities inability to manage money.....
- Being a former tenant of downtown I think a parking permit for residents should be considered.
- It needs to be available for purchase online. Low flat fee per year. Registered to the owner so he can use it in any vehicle. Wallet sized card that can be placed on the dash. Mirror hangers are annoying and cause visibility problems.
- The Universal permit is a capital idea!
- Why a two hour limit? Is the City trying to limit the amount of time people spend downtown? Usually shop on Saturday, so parking is free then
- Our customers will not have enough notice to purchase a permit for their shopping needs. The only people that will benefit are the workers downtown and this will allow them to surface park, and that's where our customers should be able to park. All this permit will do, is make it easier for the workers to occupy all of the surface parking spots. If you could regulate them to only park in the parking garages, then you would have something. But, the worker doesn't care about the customer! They are generally parked illegally in a private lot.
- Two hours is not long enough. I have been shopping downtown and spent up to 8 hours. When I do that I park on a side street that I do not have to pay on and walk. I don't like getting in a store and having to watch the clock. If I bowl two hours is not long enough. Sometimes I bowl and shop and have to watch the meter

too close. It needs to be a minimum of 4 hours.

- Stop being stupid! If you want people down town, take out the meters. Cities use meters to detour people from driving down town, you have accomplished that. If you wish to reverse that trend, than do the opposite. Some businesses might be willing to sponsor a few parking spots, but I wouldn't ask that of any business owner in this current economic environment. Youth and businesses won't come or stay in this city, especially down town, because of our unfriendly business practices from our city officials, lack of youth based activities and short sidedness, such as that waste of space you call the 4-Seasons.
- It would be a nuisance to have to go somewhere to get a permit. I only go downtown about once a month, partly because it's a pain both to find a parking space, then to have to pay for it. Alternative parking should be found for city and downtown business employees. Many towns have given up parking meters.
- Would be good for communication workers and other business that service the down town area.
- As a shopper, I would be concerned that the metered spaces would fill up quicker and it would be harder to find a parking spot when I do want to go downtown. If that's not the case, I'm open to permits for people that want them. I wouldn't purchase one, however. The meters work just fine for me.
- There would still need to be all-day parking in a lot available for business owners. I've had so many tickets just from temporarily parking on Central to bring my merchandise in thru the front door. A visible permit, and not staying more than 2 hours, would allow merchants to "load and unload", then go to the lot that is a block away, for "All-day" parking. I recently started renting from the city lot, as the private lot is 10.00 a month more. I was horrified at the proposed fee for the permit, in the newspaper, of 75.00 to 250.00. That would definitely discourage ANYONE from shopping downtown. WHY NOT JUST HAVE HOUR PARKING LIMITS or does the City OWE too much to Standard Parking, INC? How long is that contract? Why even have meters. If it will cost so much to have permit, I will need to start looking for another location for my store. Some of my out-of-town customers have complained about the panhandlers, and I'm continually cleaning cigarette butts and worse, off the sidewalk. What happened to the cops walking or biking their beat? My customers should not have to pay a huge permit fee to be subjected to this ugliness and pissy smells on the sidewalk. Sometimes I'm afraid to go to my car myself. Get rid of the meters, and get control of the panhandling! (Without stepping on the downtown residents' "RIGHTS" of course.) What about the people trying to make this a decent place to shop? These little "incidentals" make it expensive and distasteful to do business downtown.
- I think it is ridiculous to charge to park downtown. It appears that you don't want customers to shop downtown. The effort needs to be toward seeking businesses to inhabit downtown offering a variety of services to draw shoppers!!
- Get rid of the parking meters and use the garage. Free parking. The two hour limit on the pass only gives a way to issue more tickets. GET RID OF THE PARKING METERS!
- Why not have a central place to buy a parking ticket that you can place on your windshield and have it expire in 1 hr or 2 hr increments. You could move your vehicle to another spot within that time frame.
- I already pay \$40 to park for work. I would not want to pay double what I already pay to park for 2 hrs somewhere else. I will still need my \$40 normal parking for work.
- I currently park in one of the city garages but sometimes have to park on the street; it would be very helpful to be able to park where I need to without having to worry about change.
- I don't see how this would be more convenient, especially for shoppers or those going to restaurants or pubs downtown. What if you have two vehicles? You'd have to remember to move the pass from vehicle to vehicle or buy two passes. Sounds like a hassle. Coins are more convenient.
- According to the article in the Trib the proposed cost for this pass is between \$75 and \$250 a month. Why would I pay that when I can get a parking pass for the garage which my employer pays for? That is a ridiculous amount of money to spend for parking. If there is concern about people being able to park downtown, get rid of the parking meters and find some other way to generate revenue for the city. There isn't really much in the way of affordable shopping downtown anyway and most people don't have an extra \$250 per month to spend on a parking pass. Most people live paycheck to paycheck and are more concerned

about being able to feed their families and get their medications then they are about whether or not the city can make money off of people parking in downtown to shop. Perhaps your time would be better spent focused on things that will actually make a positive impact on the majority of those living in Great Falls, like perhaps creating the jobs that people need in order to be able to afford to shop downtown. The leadership of Great Falls needs to spend their time on the important issues, such as jobs, rather than waste their time debating the asinine and ridiculous such as \$250 per month for a parking pass or whether or not people should be allowed to keep chickens or if the time frame for setting off fireworks should be changed. There are some issues that the city spends so much time on that it makes me ashamed that this is where I live and these are the things that our "leadership" feels are important when anyone with any amount of common sense can see that there is nothing substantive being done by that same leadership. Get rid of the parking meters, let someone who actually knows what they are doing come in to manage the animal shelter and leave them alone to manage it, unlike what happened 15-20 years ago when the city took it over in the first place, and really start to focus on how to bring in businesses to Great Falls that are going to create decent paying jobs for the citizens.

- It is hard to answer #4. a permit would be convenient. I probably spend less than \$2.00 per month in parking now because I do not object to parking in free spot and walking. I would probably be downtown more with a permit but would not want to pay big bucks for something I can often do now for free.
- Glad you are finally coming up with some ideas to get away from keeping people out of downtown! I personally put about \$20 a year in coins in the meters. Would be fine if it applied only to meters. I don't use the garages. I have literally driven away from downtown when I realized I only had enough change to stay for 12 minutes. Went to the mall instead. You MUST make it easy to purchase!!!! It will flop for sure if it is difficult to get.
- Just have free 2 hour parking. You can issue tickets for over with increasing fees. There really aren't many cities left that have meters and they are really a deterrent to downtown shopping.
- I would rather have one pass for metered parking every month. I don't need to park in garages or city lots, but metered parking would great. Some kind of tiered payment system for parking in the different areas would be a good I think.
- The pass should be like the handicap permit, only a different color.
- From the business owner's perspective, I think the regular shoppers would very much be willing to pay even a little more for the opportunity to just pull up and run their errand and be gone. How convenient.....however..... there is always the problem of the WORKERS taking advantage of the shopper's opportunity to find a place to park. This, to me, has been on our minds all the time on the subject of NO METERS! NOW...this permit idea sounds great. Just to work out the kinks.....
- You should completely eliminate those meters! Require the owners and employees to park in the parking lots with stickers on their vehicles. I'd rather shop at the malls and Walmart where I don't have to be looking at my watch wondering if I'll be getting a ticket because I was delayed!
- If you want to create a "user friendly" system, eliminate the parking meters altogether. They are the reason I never shop in downtown. Shopping centers have free parking. So they have my business and I never go downtown. It's just that simple.
- I never go downtown. I rather go somewhere else that has ample parking and less hassle. Why would I want to pay a fee every month just so I can go do something I can do everywhere else for free? Paid parking is the single reason why our downtown will never reach its full potential - well that and the God-awful downtown logo. Oh, and the fact that the streets roll up at 6 p.m. with a few stragglers keeping it strong until the wee hours of 8 p.m. - Meaning the only time parking is free - I'm able to go downtown, park and check out all the "Closed" signs hanging in the windows. That's awesome.
- This survey does not provide enough information for me to answer it honestly or clearly understand it. Example: Question 3 is asking me what? I am primarily a worker - my job is not to shop; however, is this asking me about my activities downtown? I understand the theory behind a universal permit, however, it really only would make sense if it is at a lower cost than one pays per month in parking. Frankly, it would

be inconvenient to have to purchase a permit each month (where does one need to go to purchase such a permit? If it is the DMV, I certainly would not be interested). What about a yearly permit? Potential to make more money as the city? However, I know that I need to put quarters in the meter; I am prepared when I go downtown, and after 5 parking is free. It seems like this is not a fully thought-through plan. 30 minutes for 0.25 is CHEAP for parking. And with infractions costing \$3.00 for parking more than 2 hours, I think the uptake of this product would really depend on cost and convenience.

- I like this idea.
- Having the meters really does hinder business in the downtown area greater than I along with others agree that feeding the meters is not cost effective for the smaller businesses. The permit sounds like a good idea but you need to make it affordable to everyone the \$75.00 to \$250.00 per month is not affordable to most people and we would lose what business that we have. If you want to charge that much have the permit for 2-3 month parking and then renew it.
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- I really wish Central were a walking mall. With underground parking and the parking garages. It would be worth paying for an all day pass for shoppers...ex. 10-4 @ \$6.00 (the garage attendant would give you a red ticket...designating shopping pass...off you go! I hate feeding the meters...
- This does not help retailers at all, it encourages downtown workers to tie up valuable parking at meters what we need is a courtesy notice for the first parking violation both on expired meters and overtime. "Thank you for shopping downtown "provide copy of rules another thing you could do is make parking at meters that are not in front of retail more expensive and extend time to 3 Or 4 hours
- Will an alternative be available? People from out of town may not go through the hassle to buy a permit. The downtown businesses will lose business. Make it easy to park downtown!!
- If you want people to shop downtown, and support local business, you really need to have free parking...Almost everything sold downtown can be found elsewhere in the city where there is free parking...or online where it can be delivered to my home...The parking issues for the small business owners are serious but, there are too many people who work downtown and feel that they should be able to park right in front of their building...apparently they are important. If a business is going to impact a community by having employees, then they should step forward and pay for their employees to be able to park in the parking garage.
- The two-hour limit is still restrictive to those who may have business to tend to which takes more than two hours.
- Park downtown for what reason again?
- Depends on the cost
- Do away w/ the parking meters and more people would shop/come downtown, I avoid it because they nickel/dime you to death to shop. I don't pay to park anywhere else to eat or shop
- Business owners should receive one parking permit free. How much paperwork would be involved? It would have to be a very simple process or it would be too much hassle to be of any benefit. The name of the permit, (i.e. "2011 Downtown Public Metered/Lots/Garages Parking Permit") should clearly describe the service.
- 10.00 per month for shoppers...Central offers so much 2hrs. Is barely enough time to shop and browse the stores. The universal permit should be for at least for a day of shopping. Take the meters out and make it a mall with no cars allowed. Add more parking garages or build up with the existing ones!
- I know owners of business and computer equipment repair who have tried to get such a pass for years. However for employees of downtown business to have such an option could become a problem with more of them parking on the street during business hours. Example: an employee of a call center working a 3-11 shift could park in front of a retail store at three o'clock.
- Really there is nothing down town that i would be there longer than 15 to 30 min tops
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- Why does parking have to be so difficult?



- I think your going in the right direction.
- I rarely support the downtown merchants because you have to pay to park. I will go where it is easier and free to park, and where I do not have to worry about how long I am parked in one area. Even with this permit, I would be forced to pay something when I can go elsewhere and not have the worry.
- Good luck in finding a solution to the many conflicting challenges.
- I can see where this might be good for some. Trying to find change for the meters is a pain sometimes. I'd rather see meters that accept debit cards.
- Do not shop downtown very much. Not alot of stores that I visit.
- I don't like the 2 hour limit. I would pay more if I could spend several hours shopping downtown without worrying about being finished in 2 hours.
- Permit should be like Giant Springs. Residents pay flat fee and park anywhere 12 months out of the year
- I think I would shop and eat more downtown with a permit.
- Permanent? Yearly?