

Parking made easy

When looking for a place to park in downtown Walnut Creek, it's good to know what options you have

What parking option works for you?

Soon, the first hour of parking could be free at all three City-owned garages. Plus, rates at the Broadway and North Locust garages will remain at 50 cents an hour.

In downtown Walnut Creek there are
1,524 Street parking spaces and
1,443 City-owned garage spaces
5,616 other spaces are available to the public

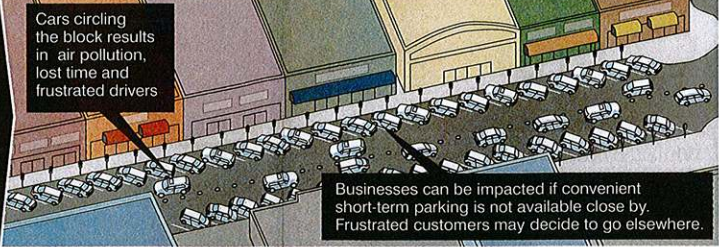


Going to work?
 Parking in a City garage is cheaper than meter parking and has no time limits.

Dinner and a movie?
 Parking in a City garage is your best choice: Inexpensive and no time limits so you can enjoy your night out.

Grabbing coffee or dinner?
 Short-term metered parking is a convenient choice.

When demand for street parking exceeds capacity, it creates problems



Managed parking: a smart solution

Metered parking, with rates based on demand, encourages turnover. More turnover means more spaces are available.

Fewer cars circling the block in search of parking reduces traffic and air pollution

With more short term parking available, it's easier to pop into your favorite local business.

Money is reinvested in a healthy, vibrant downtown and goes to:



The free ParkMe App

 Scan this QR code for the ParkMe App

Proposed parking changes

The City Council will conduct public hearings on a set of proposed changes to City-owned parking on November 19 and December 17.

The changes are intended to better manage the demand for street and garage parking through use of incentives, hours of operation, and rates. Proposed changes include:

Incentives

The three City garages would be free for the first hour. A discount parking program for employees to use the garages is being developed



Hours

Meter hours would include Sundays due to high demand
 Meter hours would shift to 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (currently, meters are in effect 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) to better reflect hours of high demand

Rates

Meter rates in the high-demand core downtown would increase from \$1 to \$2 per hour
 Meter rates outside of the core downtown would increase from 50 cents to \$1 an hour
 The South Locust garage (above Lark Creek Restaurant) would increase from 50 cents to \$1 an hour due to high demand.
 The Broadway and North Locust garages would remain at 50 cents an hour to encourage more people to park in these lesser-used garages

These changes are part of the City's Parking Management Plan, which has the goal of making parking easier in the downtown. Revenue raised through rate increases will be reinvested in the downtown.

Some improvements to date include improved signage, meters that accept credit cards and payment by phone, and the free ParkMe App that gives real-time data on available spaces.