

City of Wilmington

Parking Management Division

Parking Meter Removal Policy

General

This policy provides any person requesting encroachment for construction purposes general guidelines and rules for permanent or temporary closure of on-street parking in the Central Business District (CBD) of Wilmington, North Carolina. Infill development and redevelopment projects of properties in the CBD have increased. The continued growth and redevelopment of the downtown area is essential to improving the quality of life in this community. In some instances, to provide for this redevelopment parking metered stalls may have to be removed from service temporarily or permanently. In such instances, recognizing that the development will expand the City of Wilmington's tax base but temporarily create an unanticipated reduction in parking revenues and inventory. Permanent or temporary meter removals will be considered an inducement by the City to support the redevelopment effort.

The City Engineer shall limit the duration of any removals to the degree practical. The Parking Manager shall issue and authorize all temporary parking passes in downtown.

The Land Development Code in the CBD requires limited or no set backs; therefore, new buildings will be developed up to property lines. Any person desiring use of the public right-of-way shall apply for a permit as stated in Article 14 Section 18-702. Contractors shall present a detail plan of the street area to use and describe protection for pedestrians and motor vehicles. The City Engineer determines if construction lay down and use is justified and safe for the general public. The terms of the permit may require fences and barricades in the public right-of-way to include sidewalks, parking or drive lanes. If metered parking is temporarily closed or permanently removed, a fee will be calculated for loss of revenue, the removal and reinstallation of meters will be assessed to the construction permittee.

POLICY

The mission of the Parking Management Program is to provide readily available, cost effective, convenient on-street parking opportunities for downtown residents, workers and visitors. The goals of the program are to promote economic development by providing easy and accessible parking for all patrons of downtown while being financially responsible to the parking enterprise fund. On-street parking is currently managed by Lanier Parking Solutions, d/b/a Park Wilmington.

Meter heads and decorative sleeves will be removed by Park Wilmington. The cost for the removal and reinstallation will be paid monthly with the first payment to be made at the time the right-of-way permit is issued. The fee will be based upon the number of parking meters removed multiplied by the hourly rate, multiplied by the number of hours regulated per day multiplied by the number of regulated days the meters will be removed from service. The fee shall extend until the right-of-way is restored or for an (18) eighteen month period or whichever is less. In the case where the metered space will be permanently removed, the permittee shall pay the meter removal amount equal to eighteen (18) months of removal rate.

The permittee will coordinate removal and replacement of meters and posts with the City's Parking Contractor Park Wilmington. Park Wilmington will invoice the permittee monthly for temporarily removed meters at the calculated rate until the public right-of-way has been restored as agreed upon in the issuance of a Temporary Road/Parking Closure Permit. Funds will be deposited to the Parking Fund to be used to offset lost meter revenue and the cost of reinstalling the parking meters after construction.

