

City of Davenport Iowa

Downtown Parking Survey



Step 1 of 2

A few months ago, a number of downtown businesses began coming to "What's Brewin' Downtown" meetings to talk about current topics of interest. Among these topics, parking came to the forefront and a number of ideas have been suggested by downtown business owners.

In addition, the City is hiring a nationally recognized Transportation Planner to conduct a full-scale transportation study of Davenport over the next 10 months. One of the first tasks for the consultant will be to analyze and make recommendations on parking improvements. We expect that analysis to get underway in May. They will be soliciting further input from all stakeholders and will benefit from the data and input that we have already begun to gather.

We have attached a summary of the initial ideas that several business owners have suggested. And, as part of continuing this discussion, we would like to solicit your input and further ideas about downtown parking. Toward that end, we have put together an informal survey to begin to gather your input and comments. Please review these initial ideas and complete the survey below.

We may want to create a "pilot area" in the downtown for a month or so to see what actual impacts might result from a transition into 2-hour free parking or zone parking. So in the survey, we ask if you have suggestions as to the area that we might study before we make any permanent changes.

The meters currently contribute approximately \$300,000 toward the retirement of our parking ramp debt and any new plan we adopt will require us to find monies to replace what is lost.

The What's Brewin' Downtown meetings are regularly held on the first Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Penguin's Comedy Club (in the Freight House). The next What's Brewin' Downtown meeting will be held on Friday, April 3 at 9:00 a.m. at Penguin's. Please come and let us know what is on your mind. Thanks.

Plan A

Mix of 2-hour free parking and on-street permit parking

of 2-hour spaces: 667

of permit spaces: 452

30-day permit would cost \$30

Roving pass would cost \$50/month

2-hour free parking violations

- 1st Violation: Warning
- 2nd Violation: \$10
- 3rd Violation: \$20

- 4th Violation: \$30
- 5th Violation: \$40
- Thereafter Violation: \$50

Plan B

- 2-hour free parking throughout downtown
- First hour at ramps would be free
- Current pricing and violation fines would remain the same
- Hours of enforcement extended to 8 - 6 Mon. thru Fri.

Plan C

- All meters remain, but ramp and meter pricing significantly reduced
- Meter pricing reduced from \$1/hr. to \$0.25/hr.
- Hourly ramp pricing reduced from \$0.75/hr. to \$0.20/hr.
- Monthly and contract rates remain the same

Plan D

- Leave the current parking system as it is

Miscellaneous Ideas

- Businesses/owners could sponsor meters
- On-street spaces could be leased
- Charge a fixed amount for ramps on Thurs.-Sat. nights
- Install meters elsewhere in community
- Increase price of event parking
- Program meters to not accept coin during lunch rush
- After meters are removed, convert poles to "bike racks"
- Install electronic kiosks on each block for snow announcements
- Extend enforcement to Saturdays

Map of current metered spots

* Denotes Required Information

Of the general plans suggested thus far, * which one would you most like to see happen?

Plan A mix of 2 hour free parking and on street permits for all day monthly parking

Plan B 2 hour free parking throughout the downtown

Plan C Leave the meters in place with a reduction in rates

Plan D Leave the current Parking system as it is

Generating enough annual revenue is one of the challenges with the above plans. In order to raise or guarantee revenue, which of the following ideas would you support (you may mark more than one)?

- * Business owners could sponsor meters on a monthly basis
- On-street spaces could be leased on an annual basis
- Charge a fixed amount for ramps on Thurs.-Sat. nights
- Install meters elsewhere in the community
- Increase price of event parking
- Increase ticket (violation) fines
- Extend enforcement to Saturdays

Below are some general ideas to improve the parking system downtown. Which ideas do you favor (you may mark more than one)?

- * If meters are removed, convert some poles to bike racks.
- Install electronic kiosks on each block for announcements (such as snow emergencies,
- Reduce lanes of traffic to create additional parking spaces
- Design rear-entry angle parking (to avoid backing out of the space)

If we were to create a "pilot area" to test one more of the plans or ideas listed above, what area (give street boundaries) would you suggest?

What other comments or suggestions do you have to help improve the downtown parking system?

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