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CENTRAL STORES

TO: Eric D. Campbell, City Manager  
FROM: Thomas Hartman, PE, Director of Public Works  
DATE: January 08, 2019  
RE: Parking Space Modification at the Water Street and Elizabeth Street Parking Decks

**Summary:** Public Works will be switching portions of the Permit Parking located on the top side of both parking decks with the 10-hour parking located on the lower side of the parking decks.

**Background:** Harrisonburg Police Department – Parking Enforcement has noticed a trend over the past year where vehicles with valid parking permits park in the 10-hour spaces in both parking decks. The expected reasoning for this is due to the 10-hour parking spaces being under cover, which is a more desirable parking space. This unfortunately reduces the available parking in the decks, because the permit holding vehicles use the free space and the permit space goes unused.

Corporal Westfall with HPD recommended switching the permit parking spaces and the 10-hour spaces in both parking decks in order to increase the available capacity. The Urban Land Institute study also included a similar recommendation.

In the Elizabeth Street parking deck all the permit parking spaces will be switched with the 10-hour parking. The change results in 122 permit parking spaces and 156 10-hour parking spaces. Corporal Westfall states that this provides sufficient permit parking for this parking deck.

In the Water Street parking deck, the eastern portion of permit parking will be switched with the 10-hour parking, and the western permit parking will remain on the upper level (see attached sketch). This change results in 73 lower permit parking spaces, 58 upper permit parking spaces, and 79 10-hour parking spaces. Corporal Westfall states that this provides sufficient permit parking for this parking deck.

The City Manager's Office, Public Works Department, and the Police Department agreed to proceed with this change and plan to perform public outreach and notification during the month of January with switch over taking place in February. Public outreach will be through press releases and by working with Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance. During the month of January Public Works will begin to install and modify signage in the parking decks.

**Key Issues:** None.

**Environmental Impact:** None.

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal cost impact due to new signage.

**Prior Actions:** None.

**Alternatives:** None.

**Community Engagement:** Following the Council presentation City Staff will begin public outreach informing Citizens of this change.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends this change to parking in the Water Street and Elizabeth Street parking decks.

**Attachments:** Water Street Parking Deck Sketch, and Council Presentation.

**Review:**

*The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.*

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