

Nashville's New Solar Powered Pay-by-Space On-Street Parking System

On Thursday, October 8th, 2009, the City of Nashville launched the pilot of 6 computerized on-street parking pay stations a part of the Deaderick Street opening. The goal of these stations is to make parking easier and more inviting for downtown visitors.

The new solar powered pay-by-space stations enable parkers to purchase parking time from any pay station along Deaderick Street by simply noting their parking space number. All space numbers are located on the curb in the center of each parking space. Once you have paid, there is no need to display a receipt on the vehicle dash.

How do I use a pay station?

Using a pay station is easy.

1. Enter your space number
2. Purchase amount of time you would like to park
Note: You can add additional time to your parking space from any pay station
3. Enter payment via coins, bills or credit cards
4. If you have chosen to print a receipt for your records, collect receipt. Receipts will show transaction amount, space number and expiration time.
*Note: You **DO NOT** need to display the receipt in your car window.*



Why pilot a new system?

The new pay-by-space stations make short-term downtown parking more convenient, allowing you to:

- purchase time from any pay station downtown
- pay with coins, bills or credit card
- receive a parking receipt.

What are some benefits of the new technology?

Solar-powered, the new pay stations are energy-efficient, reducing the use and disposal of batteries. In addition to increased payment options, the new pay stations are made of corrosion-free stainless steel and have an anti-graffiti coating. Improved security features should decrease vandalism and theft. The system's wireless communications also enable City staff to better monitor the working conditions of all pay stations and their payment transactions.

When should I use a pay station?

A pay station is to be used for short-term, on-street parking, Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Most parking time zones allow you to park up to 120 minutes.

How much does it cost for on-street parking downtown?

The current on-street parking rate is \$1.50 per hour and parking will continue to be free on Sundays and statutory holidays.

Can I return to purchase more time?

You can return to any pay station to purchase more time, but only up to the maximum time in the area you have parked. Repeat metering is not permitted. Maximum parking times help create new on-street parking spaces throughout the day for downtown visitors.

Without a receipt displayed, how will the city know when my parking time has expired?

Parking officers will be equipped with handheld devices that communicate with the pay stations through a wireless connection. These devices allow them to check for unpaid or expired parkers.

For more information call Metro Nashville Public Works: (615) 862-8750.

