

## Parking Services Alert

March 20, 2017

### What?

DES is planning to increase parking fees to meet the cost demands of parking on the Capitol Campus. Per [WAC 200-200-290](#), DES will provide a 60-day notice to Capitol Campus parkers in addition to a 30-day comment period before rates are changed.

### Who?

Both employees and visitors who park on the Capitol Campus will see an increase. Unions were notified on March 16 and have a 21-day response period.

### When?

DES plans to implement the increase July 1, 2017. Parking stalls generally fall within one of four designations shown below. Rate changes for other parking types are available on the DES Parking Services Website.

| Type                         | Current     | July 1 2017 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Employee use (general zoned) | \$25/month  | \$35/month  |
| Employee use (reserved)      | \$35/month  | \$49/month  |
| Agency reserved              | \$75/month  | \$105/month |
| Visitor only                 | \$1.50/hour | \$2/hour    |

### Why?

The Capitol Campus parking fund is currently operating at a deficit. Parking rates have not been increased in nearly 10 years. By increasing rates, DES will manage the parking line of business on a cost recovery basis, allowing us to pay for costs of operations, maintenance, and critical infrastructure needs of garages and lots. Please refer to our website for [Frequently Asked Questions](#) which will be updated regularly.

### Next update?

DES will send more information to parkers as it becomes available. We will also update our [website](#) regularly.

### Questions?

Contact DES at (360) 407-8450 or email us at [DESParkingRates@des.wa.gov](mailto:DESParkingRates@des.wa.gov)

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