

FAQ Parking

Covington Motor Vehicle Parking Authority

- **Why is parking not free?**
 - There is no such thing as free parking, even at the mall or a big box store. You pay for parking rolled in to the price of things you buy.
 - There are expenses to build and maintain all parking.
 - <https://www.vox.com/2014/6/27/5849280/why-free-parking-is-bad-for-everyone>
 - https://youtu.be/Akm7ik-H_7U
- **Why do we have parking meters?**
 - Meters were developed in the 1920's. Their purpose is to create turnover for business.
 - Without them, the same car could stay parked for days.
 - <https://parking.baltimorecity.gov/news/parking-authority-blog/2018-10-18-why-we-should-all-love-parking-meters>
 - <http://www.accessmagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2016/02/Access-23-02-Small-Change-into-Big-Change.pdf>
- **Where can I find all the rules about parking in Covington?**
 - There are signs posted throughout the City. If in doubt, don't park there.
 - https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/covington/latest/covington_ky/0-0-0-19557
- **How much does it cost to park in Covington?**
 - Meters – \$1.50/hr. 8am – 9pm Mon. – Sat.
 - River Center Garage – \$3/ hr. 24/7
 - Midtown – \$1/hr. 24/7
 - John R Green Garage - \$3/hr. 24/7
 - Surface lots are \$1/hr. 8am – 5pm Mon. – Fri.
 - Events are as posted
- **Why is the parking spot in front of my house not for just me?**
 - The city owns all on street parking, and there are no reserved spots including the one in front of your home or business. Everyone has the same rights to the street.
- **How do I pay a Parking Ticket?**
 - To save a few bucks, pay in person at the ABM office in the garage at 5th and Scott. ABM Parking Services, 501 Scott Blvd. Covington, KY 41011
 - Or for more convenience, you can pay online at <https://covington.rmcpay.com/>
- **How do I appeal a ticket?**
 - If you paid for parking and / or there is an obvious error, we may be able to do an administrative void if it is clearly a mistake. You can send an e-mail to info@covpark.com with proof of the mistake to see if an administrative void is possible.
 - If you did not pay or there are less than obvious reasons that you should not pay the citation, email the [APPEALS Form](#) to this [e-mail address](#).

- **What do I do if my car gets booted or towed?**
 - Booted – There are instructions on the ticket that will direct you to call ABM at 859-431-7049
 - Towed – if you were in a surface lot, look for signs with towing information.
 - Jess and Sons (859) 431-2557 (all on street)
 - Millennium towing (513) 769-6626
 - At your Service Towing (513) 251-9484

- **How long can I leave a car on the street in the same place in Covington?**
 - Cars parked on the city streets need to be moved every 72hrs or 3 days.
 - Cars must be moved over 50 ft or to a different block face.

- **How do I get a parking permit for a lot or garage?**
 - ABM Parking Services 501 Scott Blvd. 859-431-7049
 - <https://covington.cmrpay.com/permits/>

- **How do I find out when it will be street sweeping day on my street?**
 - This information can be found on the city’s website of course!
<https://www.covingtonky.gov/news/2014/04/03/residential-street-sweeping-schedule>

- **What dose parking have to do with Economic Development?**
 - The point of parking meters is to create turnover for business.
 - We get a lot of interest in new business, one of the first questions is about parking.
 - Parking for residents is key to new developments.
 - Keeping our dense urban environment is key to our walkability.

- **What is the deal with Residential parking areas?**
 - The Licking Riverside Neighborhood currently has a residential parking permit program.
 - Permits are \$80 and must be renewed each year.
 - License plate numbers and license plate reader technology are used for enforcement
 - Guest passes are hangtags or by plate and can be acquired
<https://covington.cmrpay.com/permits/>
 - More info: https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/covington/latest/covington_ky/0-0-0-33285#JD_74.048

- **Where does the money I pay for parking go?**
 - Parking Authority operations
 - Maintenance, Equipment, Janitorial, Enforcement, Legal, Finance, Management.
 - City General fund, this helps pave roads and all the things the city does.
 - Developing more parking: we paid over \$2 million for the garage at John R. Green, leased a new lot on 8th street and will build the 600-car garage that is part of the CCR Project.

- **I have another Question?**
 - E-mail info@covpark.com