

# **QUALITY OF LIFE**

## **N - Parking**

**COUNCIL POLICY NO. N-1**

**TITLE:** CONVENTION PARKING

**POLICY:** See attachment.

**REFERENCE:** Old Council Policy #7. Revised by General Services 4/93.

## CONVENTION PARKING

Visitors to the City of Salem for the purposes of attending conventions, may, by arrangement with the City's designated contractual agent (currently the Salem Convention and Visitors Association), be issued permits, known as courtesy passes for the purpose of free parking. These courtesy passes shall be of a type, color and content that is approved by the City Parking and Security Division. These permits allow convention visitors to park free of charge for unlimited times in all metered and unmetered zones with a time limit of one hour or more, except for special or restricted use zones such as disabled spaces, loading zones, bus zones, designated 10 hour visitor parking meters (located on court Street NE in front of the State Capitol Building), and the Capitol Mall area. (The Capitol Mall area is comprised of the 1200 block of Ferry Street SE, the State of Oregon underground parking garage located off of the 900 block of Chemeketa Street NE, and all other on-street or off-street parking facilities controlled and regulated by the State of Oregon.) The Downtown Parking District provides unlimited free parking for all shoppers and convention visitors who are encouraged to take advantage of this free parking while shopping or touring our downtown area.

Courtesy passes shall be limited to those visitors who are from out of town and who are staying overnight in Salem. State employees who are visiting Salem while attending state conferences shall contact the State Parking Office for available parking and shall not be issued courtesy passes. The City's contractual agent shall, after verifying a convention in Salem, list the name of the convention and the number of passes issued including the expiration date of the passes. This information shall be transmitted to the City Parking and Security Division in time to be received prior to the effective date of the permits; notification shall be in writing. The expiration date shall be clearly visible on each pass. Passes must be clearly displayed and visible from outside the vehicle. Citations for parking violations will not be issued to vehicles displaying valid courtesy passes.