# Metuchen Parking Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)



#### **Parking Locations**

Public parking can be found at the locations pictured below:

# **\Permit Parking**

# 1. How can I purchase a parking permit from the Metuchen Parking Authority (MPA)?

- Apply for a permit by filling out an application form <u>online</u>.
- Once your application is submitted, the MPA permit clerk will contact you to determine availability and proof of residency if needed.

- Once availability is determined, applicants can purchase a permit by cash or check in person, or by credit card or e-check <u>online</u>.
- If you are paying by check, please write your permit number on your check and include a stamped self-addressed envelope. Checks can be put in the drop box located in the rear of Borough Hall.
- Once purchased, your hangtag will be mailed, or you can pick it up in person at the Borough Hall. Permits must be displayed on the rearview mirror only.
- Please note, the Pearl Street garage is not managed by the MPA, so monthly permits for the garage must be purchased through the NexPass app. Instructions are available on the <u>Nexus website</u>.

# 2. Do I have to be a Metuchen resident to purchase a quarterly parking permit?

• No, parking permits are open to anyone.

#### 3. What are the rates for parking permits?

- \$165 per quarter (3 months) in South Main Lot, West Amboy Lot, and Memorial Parkway Lot.
- \$165 per quarter for residents and \$270 per quarter for nonresidents in Halsey Street Lot.
- \$270 per quarter in Center Street Lot, Center Street East Lot, New Street Lot, and Station Place Lot. There are currently no spaces available in these lots and a wait list exists.
- \$270 per quarter for residents and \$330 per quarter for nonresidents in Pennsylvania Avenue Lot.

#### 4. Is there a waitlist for permits?

• There are a limited number of permits available to the public at any given time, so you may be put on a waitlist when purchasing a permit depending on the lot. Additional permits will be administered over time. Currently there are spaces available in the commuter lots at Halsey Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

#### 5. Does purchasing a permit guarantee a space?

• No, spaces in lots are first-come, first-served. There are no assigned spaces.

#### 6. Can I share my permit with a friend or family member?

- No, permits are not transferrable.
- Your car must be registered with the Metuchen Parking Authority, and you must notify the Authority of permanent changes in car information. You must display your permit in cars used on a temporary basis.

#### 7. How can I renew my permit?

- Permits are sold on a quarterly basis (Jan-Mar) (Apr-June) (July-Sept) (Oct-Dec) or semi-annual basis at prevailing rates.
- Renewal Payment must be received by the 20th of the month in which your permit expires. If not received by the 20th, your permit may be canceled. If you are not renewing your permit please contact the Authority as soon as possible.
- Additionally, a \$25 fee will be charged for a permit cancelled prior to its expiration at the end of the quarter.

#### 8. What should I do if I lose my permit?

• There is a \$15 fee to replace lost permits.

## Ticket Validation at the Pearl Street Garage

#### 1. How can patrons use the validation system at the Pearl Street Garage?

Patrons at participating restaurants or businesses can now park for free or reduced price at the Pearl Street Garage!

- Start your parking session in the Nexpass app when arriving at the garage.
- At the end of your meal or session, you will receive a discount code.
- Open 'My Parking Sessions' in app and apply the discount code.

- The discount will be deducted from your parking fee when you exit the garage.
- 2. I own a restaurant or business downtown; how can I set up validation for my patrons?
  - Restaurant owners can contact Adam Hulse <u>Adam.Hulse@nexusparkingsystems.com</u> to set up a validation program for their patrons.
- 3. I own a business downtown; is there a parking pass or validation I can purchase for my employees?
  - Business owners can pay for their employees to park in the Pearl Street Garage for a daily rate of \$5.
  - Contact Adam Hulse <u>Adam.Hulse@nexusparkingsystems.com</u> for more information.

## **EV Charging**

#### 1. Are there any EV charging locations in public lots?

• There are 6 charging stations located in the Pearl Street Garage.

## **Bicycle Storage**

- 1. Are there any secure bike storage locations?
  - There are bike lockers located at the NJ Transit station north lot.
  - Bike lockers are available for \$120 a year with a \$50 key deposit.

#### For more information, please contact the Metuchen Parking Authority at

metuchenpa@optimum.net

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