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Mayor Martin Announces Government Center Parking Plan

Fulfills campaign promise, takes first step towards creating a more citizen-friendly Government Center

STAMFORD, CT – Mayor David Martin today announced the elimination of all reserved parking spaces on the ground floor of the Government Center parking garage, followed by ceremoniously removing the plaque located above the mayor's reserved space.

Reserved parking has been a longtime feature of the ground floor of the Government Center parking garage. Prior to Mayor Martin's tenure, the city maintained nearly twenty reserved parking spaces on the ground floor for government officials. Several spaces were also reserved on the second floor of the garage.

Mayor Martin's plan, developed with Director of Operations Ernie Orgera, eliminates all reserved parking on the first floor and changes first floor parking from one hour to two hour parking for short-term use.

A group of ten parking spaces will be relocated to the second floor of the garage. Members of the Mayor's cabinet and designated city officials, including volunteers who serve as the President or Chairman of local boards and commissions, will have access to the reserved spaces on an as-needed basis.

The total number of reserved spaces for government officials on the first and second floors is reduced from 25 to 10 under Mayor Martin's plan. Reserved parking for Senior Center and handicapped visitors will remain unchanged. The announcement marks the fulfillment of a campaign promise made to voters.

"It is time that we create more space in city hall for the people of Stamford. Hundreds of residents visit the Government Center on a daily basis to take advantage of critical services offered here and they should be given as direct access as possible," Martin said. "This is a first step towards making city government more citizen-friendly and accessible to the residents it serves; they come first," he added.

In addition to reducing the number of reserved spaces and relocating them to the second floor, Martin announced the designation of two spaces on the first floor for emergency vehicles and visitor pick-up and drop-off.

Martin also stated his plan to review the changes with the Board of Representatives and gain their input and discuss ideas for potential changes in the future.

The parking changes will take full effect beginning on Monday, December 9.

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