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MEMORANDUM

To: State Employee Drivers
From: Brian King, DAS Fleet and Parking Services Manager
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Subject: Free Parking for State E-Plate Vehicles in Portland

Over the years we have received many inquiries on the City of Portland policy to allow free parking of government E-plated vehicles at metered spaces. However, in the past we have been reluctant to post this information on our website because we did not have anything in writing stating this policy was in effect. The Portland City Code excerpt below changes that.

***Portland City Code & Charter
Title 16 Vehicles and Traffic***

At:

http://www.portlandonline.com/Auditor/Index.cfm?c=28591#cid_16103

16.20.440 Meter Fees.

(Amended by Ordinance No. 176394, effective April 17, 2002.) A sign or legend which indicates the interval of time for which parking is permitted and the fee payable for the time interval must be posted on all meters. The parking meter fee must be paid with U.S. coins or a payment card by the person parking the vehicle, except:

- A. During all the days and the hours that a meter fee is not required as indicated on the meter.*
- B. A vehicle with a commercial or delivery permit and a vehicle allowed to use truck loading zones by right may use any metered parking space without charge on any day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for a maximum of 30 minutes while engaged in loading/ unloading merchandise.*
- C. Any government vehicle, so identified by public registration plates, may park without fee for the maximum time limit allowable at any metered parking space.*
- D. A vehicle with a current permit authorizing parking at a meter without payment of the meter fee, as defined in Section 16.20.500 and 16.20.600.*
- E. A vehicle, for the sole purpose of loading/unloading passengers, for a period not to exceed 30 seconds.*

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Please be advised this is a Portland City Code and is subject to change. The free parking is also only up to the limit of the metered space. If the space has a maximum of 3 hours, a driver can be ticketed for staying beyond that limit.

Because DAS Parking Services does not have any authority for city parking spaces, questions on this policy should be directed to the Portland Bureau of Transportation at 503-823-5185.