

## CONTRACTOR PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN

### Permits for street parking:

Contractor parking on streets in the downtown is very limited, and depending on the location, may not be available at all. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. **The primary factor is whether the vehicle is absolutely needed throughout the day for access to equipment, tools, supplies, etc.** While it may be an inconvenience, contractors should consider if materials/equipment can be unloaded/loaded at the start and end of the work day rather than having the vehicle occupy a prime parking space all day.

Other factors taken into consideration include the following:

1. Location of the job. Permits will not be allowed at any location where parking is not currently permitted.
2. Length of time. Permits may be available for short periods—several days, a couple weeks, maybe as long as a month or so *depending on the location*.
3. Number of spaces needed, usually a maximum of two.
4. If a parking lot with meters is in close proximity to the job site, the parking lot should be used and money should be deposited in the meters. If the lot has meters with a 3-hour time limit (or less) additional time can be put on the meter throughout the day, if necessary, since employees will be making trips to the vehicle for equipment, tools, supplies, etc.

Contractor parking permits must be obtained from the Engineering Department (phone 261-6742). The fee for a contractor parking permit is \$3.00 per space per day, and we will invoice contractors for the fee if they so desire. Having a permit does not guarantee a parking space. ***Under no circumstances is the permit to be used by employees of the contractor who need a place to park all day. Downtown lots and ramps are available for long-term parking. Any abuse of contractor parking permits will result in automatic revocation.***

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### Permits in lots/ramps:

**Lot 8 on River Drive.** \$5.00 per month. This is the least expensive lot. After you park your vehicle, you can walk north on River Drive to the 1<sup>st</sup> and Washington Street intersection and from there to your destination. There is also a stairway (south of the Masonic Lodge building) to go from the parking lot to the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Forest Street. A number of contractors choose this lot for employee parking, because of the low cost. (The lot also contains 15-hour parking meters; rate is 20¢ per hour.)

**Lot 9 at 5<sup>th</sup> and Washington Street.** \$22.00 per month. This lot is two blocks east of the Wausau Center mall front entrance. (The lot also contains 15-hour meters; rate is 20¢ per hour.)

**Ramp #2 (Jefferson Street ramp)** entrances on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. \$35.00 month. Height clearance is 7' 6" at 1<sup>st</sup> Street entrance and 8' 0" at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street entrance. Oversized vehicles may have difficulty turning corners on Level 3 and above. (The ramp also contains 2-hr. and 8-hr. meters; the rate is 50¢ per hour.)

**Ramp #3 (Penneys ramp)** on the west side of the mall. \$35.00 per month for a key card. Key card parking is restricted to the lower level. Height clearance is 7' 10". (Drivers without key cards are subject to payment of the normal parking fee.)

**Ramp #4 (Sears ramp)** on the east side of the mall. \$25.00 per month for a key card. Key card parking is restricted to Level 3 and above. Height clearance is 7' 10". (Drivers without key cards are subject to payment of the normal parking fee.)

A limited number of permits may be available in other lots in the downtown. Permits/key cards must be purchased from the Clerk/Customer Service Office in City Hall.