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This Summer, Finding Cheap, Available Parking in Downtown Seattle is a Breeze

Peak season kicks off with free parking event July 11 on the waterfront

SEATTLE – Summer in Seattle is officially underway and there are plenty parking spaces near all of the fun activities downtown. Mobile app DowntownSeattleParking.com helps drivers locate garage parking with rates as low as \$3/hour (up to four hours, taxes included), or a flat rate of \$7 or less on evenings and weekends (evenings are 5p-close). There are more than 6,000 low-rate spaces in 15 parking facilities in Pioneer Square, Waterfront, and Retail Core neighborhoods.

FREE PARKING EVENT:

As a special treat to celebrate businesses reopening in Seattle's waterfront neighborhood, WSDOT and its partners are providing free parking (up to four hours) on Saturday, July 11 when visitors patronize a participating business. DowntownSeattleParking.com lists participating businesses that will hand out a voucher to their customers upon request.

How to get the free parking:

- Park in one of these participating parking facilities:
 - -1st & Columbia Garage (721 1st Ave.)

-Hillclimb Court Garage (1422 Alaskan Way)

-Western & Seneca Lot (1101 Western Ave.)

-Watermark Garage (1100 Western Ave.)

- Patronize a participating waterfront business (visit DowntownSeattleParking.com for details) to receive a free parking voucher
 - o Argosy Cruises & Tillicum Village
 - o Seattle Aquarium
 - o <u>Ivar's Acres of Clams</u>
 - o <u>Ivar's Pier 54 Fish Bar</u>
 - o Ye Olde Curiosity Shop
 - o Seattle Shirt Company (Pier 55 Location)
 - o <u>Elliott's Oyster House</u>
 - o Elliott's Café 56
 - o <u>Simply Seattle</u>
 - o The Great Wheel
 - The Fisherman's Restaurant & Bar
 - The Crab Pot

• Present voucher to booth attendant upon exiting the parking facility (drivers are responsible for additional parking cost beyond four hours)

The Downtown Seattle Association's Metropolitan Improvement District (MID) Parking Ambassadors will also be out and about along Seattle's waterfront, assisting drivers locate the free parking garages, as well as the year-round low-rate parking on other key summer weekends.

The free parking promotion will be a nice treat for visitors to the waterfront," says Tim Kuniholm of the Seattle Aquarium. "With the additional help of the parking ambassadors, we hope to make our guests' trip to the waterfront even easier so that the day's focus on having fun and not on searching for a parking spot."

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The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the City of Seattle and Downtown Seattle Association is working together to help maintain the vitality of Pioneer Square and the waterfront as major commerce hubs and tourist attractions during the construction to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct. As part of this larger effort, www.DowntownSeattleParking.com is a mobile and desktop site to help drivers find the plentiful and available parking throughout the Seattle downtown area.