

Car Parking Dilemma

I have two cars in my parents' apartment community, but we only have one parking slot inside the building. We don't want to rent another parking slot, so I have to park my second car in the public area. In the public area, there are legal parking slots, but they are not enough. Often, there are twenty or thirty cars parked on the road. The guard will stick a red paper on the cars' front windows to warn them.

The parking fee is around 12 CNY a day, or 0.5 CNY an hour. My first car is free because it is assigned to our own parking slot.

I parked my second car in a legal parking slot. However, it is not convenient to use the car, even at late nights. Someone will often take the spot late at night, making it very troublesome.

This happened recently: I used the car at 4 AM to go out and enjoy two lamb shashlik skewers. I came back after an hour, around 5 AM, and the spot was occupied by someone else. One solution was to drive the car inside the building and park it in front of my first car. Since it was Saturday, my wife wouldn't need to drive the first car to her company.

However, at noon, while I was sleeping, I was woken up by a call. Someone told me to move the car. Although I parked carefully and the cars nearby should have been able to leave, the owners were angry about the situation.

Tonight, I thought about how to avoid such mistakes and handle this properly. I should try again to see if someone will occupy my spot, even late at night. I need to figure out the probability of this happening so I know if I can afford to make this mistake. Then I thought, why not park in the illegal public area? Although I hate cleaning the red paper off my car's front window, it might be worth it. The shredded paper stuck to the window is okay to remove, but it is troublesome.

This way, I can use my car anytime. So, my current focus is on how to clean the paper effectively. It seems I need to use alcohol to dissolve it. I am happy to think of a solution like this.

Previously, to avoid the trouble of having our parking spot taken, we rarely used our second car for about two months.

So, this approach seems okay, and we are looking for a way to clean the red paper from the front window effectively.

There are several lessons here: Mistakes are not to be feared as long as they are affordable. Try to think of the best ways without limits.

Rules are sometimes terrible, and we have to fight against them. I think our apartment community could allow 50 more cars to park in the public area. Every car inside the apartment community has already paid the fees for parking. The guard uses red paper to threaten people, so only around twenty cars dare to

challenge the rule and park in the public area. I decided to join them.