New Permit Parking Plan
Fall 2011, on the
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1. Why is there a new parking plan?
On most class days more than 800 parking spaces go unused in the lots south of Lake Osceola, including the Ponce Garage and the lots adjacent to the BankUnited Center. While these spaces go unused, hundreds of vehicles circle the lots north of the lake in the academic core creating serious congestion and dissatisfaction among various stakeholders (faculty, staff, students, visitors, vendors). This new plan will help ensure that the “hunt and seek” behavior is eliminated by limiting the number of vehicles that are allowed to park in the lots that are in highest demand.

2. How will it affect me?
Once you purchase a permit for a particular zone, your parking options will be limited to that specific zone. With the number of permits more closely corresponding to the actual number of spaces in a zone, you will not have to drive around looking for available parking. There will be a higher degree of certainty of finding available parking in your zone.

3. What if all the spaces in my zone are occupied?
We do not anticipate this happening—and if it does, overflow parking will be allowed in the discount lots (green lots). Keep in mind that for special University events a certain zone or several spaces in a particular zone may be closed. On these occasions, ample notice will be given to affected parties and alternate parking locations will be provided.

4. What if I don't get my preferred zone?
If your preferred zone is sold out, you may choose from any of the available zones and opt to go on the waiting list for your preferred zone.

5. Can you explain how the waiting list will work?
Faculty, staff, and students can opt to go on the waiting list for any zone, and the application will be date/time stamped. Once a permit becomes available, it will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis based on when the applicant signed up for the wait list.
6. Where exactly are these different zones?
Go to the map on page 5 of this document to see the various parking zones that are color-coded red, purple, yellow, gray, green, and blue. Please note that blue lots are resident student-only lots and the small orange shaded lots are faculty gated lots.

7. How long before I know where I can park?
You will know what permit type you have received during the application process.

8. What if my parking needs change, will I be able to exchange my permit for a different zone?
Yes, as long as the zone that you want is available. For example, if you have a permit for the red zone and want to exchange it for a yellow zone permit, you may do so if yellow zone permits are available. If the zone that you want is not available, you can sign up for the waitlist.

9. I currently have a discount permit; will there be a special zone for discount permits?
Yes, the zone that is shaded green on the map is for our lowest priced parking permits, and this price ($226) will remain the same for 2011-12.

10. How would I get to another section of campus not in my approved parking zone?
Once on campus and parked in your designated zone, you can get to other areas of campus via the on campus shuttles, or by biking or walking.

11. Can my permit still be mailed to me?
Yes, permits will be mailed from July 18 – August 19, 2011. Anyone applying for a permit after August 19th will have to pick it up in person at the Parking and Transportation Office located on the first floor of the Flipse Building.
12. How will I know which lots my permit is valid for?  
The color of your permit will correspond to the color-coded zones on the campus parking map, and there will be signs at the entrance to every parking lot/garage that will clearly indicate the permit type that is valid for that lot as well as the enforcement days and time.

13. Currently, parking is free after 4 p.m. and anyone can park in any lot after 4 p.m. on weekdays and 24 hours on weekends. Will that change?  
This policy will continue to be in effect for the foreseeable future.

14. What about visitors who purchase the daily parking passes from the self serve machines? Where will they park?  
These temporary passes will be valid in every zone except resident student (blue) zones.

15. My office is located in Gables One Tower. In which zone will I be able to park?  
Gables One permits (GO permits) are valid for short-term parking up to two hours and are valid in all zones, except for resident students (blue) zones. This represents no change from our current procedures.

16. I am currently residing in the University Village Apartments. Will I be eligible to purchase a permit for one of these zones?  
No, students residing in the UV apartments are only allowed to park in the UV garages Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and are not eligible to purchase a permit for one of these zones. This represents no change from our current procedures.

17. I will be freshman living on campus next year. Will I be able to purchase a permit for one of these zones?  
No, the restriction for freshmen residing on campus has not changed.

18. If I get the permit type that I want can I renew it the following year?  
Each year, faculty and staff may purchase a new permit for the zone that they had before as long as they do so during their designated timeframe. Students will purchase permits on a first-come, first-served basis each year regardless of the permit type they had the year before.