



To: Seaport TMA Members

From: Lauren Grymek

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Re: Parking Meters in the South Boston Waterfront

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The Seaport TMA would like to remind area commuters about the **rules and regulations for parking meters in the South Boston Waterfront**. The information below is intended to provide general information only; motorists are responsible for adhering to the rules and regulations set forth by the governing agency and for reading all permanent and temporary signs on and near parking meters.

**Meter Operators:**

- In the South Boston Waterfront, parking meters are operated by the City of Boston and by the Massachusetts Port Authority, depending on the location of the meter.
- All meters are clearly labeled with the appropriate authority's name, hours of operation and cost.

**Time Limits:**

- Most Massport parking meters have a time limit of 2 hours, some are for 15-minute parking only. ALL meters are clearly marked accordingly.
- Most City of Boston parking meters have a time limit of 4 hours; 2 hours at other locations-ALL meters are clearly marked accordingly.
- Time limits indicate that a vehicle is not permitted to park in the same space for longer than the amount of time specified.
- Parking regulations prohibit "meter feeding" (i.e., the illegal practice of motorists who continuously pay meters to stay beyond the posted time limit).
  - *Even if the parking meter has been paid for additional time, law enforcement has the right to issue a parking violation for parking over the permitted time limit.*

**Hours of Operations:**

- City of Boston meters operate during the hours of 8:00am - 8:00pm.
- Massport meters operate during the hours of 8:00am - 8:00pm.
- All meters (City of Boston AND Massport) are not operational on Sundays or on Legal Holidays as determined by the City Boston.
- The time limit is in effect only when meters are operational and on Holidays.

**Handicap Plate/Placard:**

- City of Boston: Time limits and fees do not apply to handicap plate/handicap placard vehicles.
- Massport: Time limits and fees DO apply to parking meters reserved for Handicap Plate/Placard vehicle spaces.

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**Miscellaneous:**

- Occasionally, special events or circumstances will warrant “NO PARKING” at certain parking meters. The authorizing agency will mark these meters with a red bag or white sign that indicates no parking/no stopping.
- When a meter is bagged or signed as NO PARKING, drivers should not park there, even with a handicap placard/plate.

**Additional Information:**

- For additional information on parking rules and regulations throughout the City of Boston please visit: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/transportation/rules.asp>