



BOROUGH OF MEDIA

CHANGES TO PARKING POLICIES

Borough Council adopted changes in the parking policies in 2007. These changes should decrease the congestion experienced in areas such as State Street and the area surrounding the Courthouse as well as address the needs of residents living in commercial and office zoned areas. Additionally, the changes are meant to encourage the use of public transportation options in and around Media.

The following are the primary changes to the Borough's parking system that have already been implemented or that will take effect January 1, 2007:

- **Parking Debit Cards:** Parking debit cards were introduced in December, 2006. The cards can be purchased at the Borough Hall and used in all digital meters in Media, eliminating the need to carry change or feed meters with coins. The cards can be purchased in increments of \$5, \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100 and are available at Borough Hall. There will be a \$2.00 charge for the initial purchase of the card, but additional value can be added to the card at any time at the Borough Hall without a charge.
- **Parking Zones and Meter Fees:** The fee to park for one (1) hour in Zone 2 (all municipal lots and areas away from State Street) will be raised from \$0.25 to \$0.50. This means that rates in Zones 1, 2, and 3 will now be equal. Zone 4 will continue to consist of short-term parking spaces, with a fee of \$0.25 for 15 minutes only.

The hourly rate at meters on the north side of Front Street between Orange and Olive Streets (in front of the Courthouse) will be increased to \$0.75 per hour with a three (3) hour time limit. These spaces will be designated as a new Zone 5. The rates on the south side of Front Street will remain the same.

- **Parking Garage:** Long-term parkers are encouraged to use the Municipal Parking Garage. Resident, high occupancy vehicle (HOV), and general parking permits are valid on all levels, and no time limits are enforced in the garage.
- **Meter Enforcement Hours:** Meters will be enforced in Zone 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. In Zones 2 and 3 (including municipal parking lots, the parking garage, and areas away from State Street), meters will be enforced from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- **Parking Permit Fees:** The fee for a general parking permit will increase beginning January 1, 2007. However, a resident permit will be available to residents who live in a commercial or office zoned area and do not have access to off-street parking. A high occupancy vehicle (HOV) permit will also be available to those meeting certain criteria at a discounted rate. The fees for those permits will be as follows:

	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually
Resident:	\$15	\$30	\$100
HOV:	\$20	\$50	\$150
General:	\$40	\$100	\$300

When purchasing a permit, customers will be required to complete an application that will include applicant and vehicle information. Those permits can be found on the Borough's website, www.mediaborough.com, and completed prior to arriving at Borough Hall to expedite the application process.

- **Parking Fines:** Parking fines will be increased and will be as follows:
The option of paying a small fee for parking tickets at the police station within one (1) hour of issuance will be removed. The fines will be \$5 for any ticket paid within the first 24 hours and \$10 for any ticket paid between 24 and 72 hours after the ticket was issued. After 72 hours, the fine will be \$15. Illegal parking fines will be increased to \$25 throughout the Borough, with the exception of the fine for illegally parking in a handicapped space. That fine will remain at \$50.

More information on the parking permit program and other changes can be found on the Borough's website at www.mediaborough.com. Parking permits and parking debit cards can be obtained at the Borough Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please feel free to contact Borough Hall at 610-566-5210 with any questions or comments you may have regarding parking policies.