Upcoming Downtown Parking Changes

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Changes Made in 2025

During the initial implementation of the downtown parking plan, the City:

1. Enacted seven-day paid parking on and south of Evergreen Boulevard to reflect the high weekend demand for on-street parking, increase parking space turnover, and improve access to local businesses

2. Increased parking rates in the Waterfront District to reflect the high demand for on-street parking in this area and better align with the price of garage parking.

Outcomes of 2025 Changes

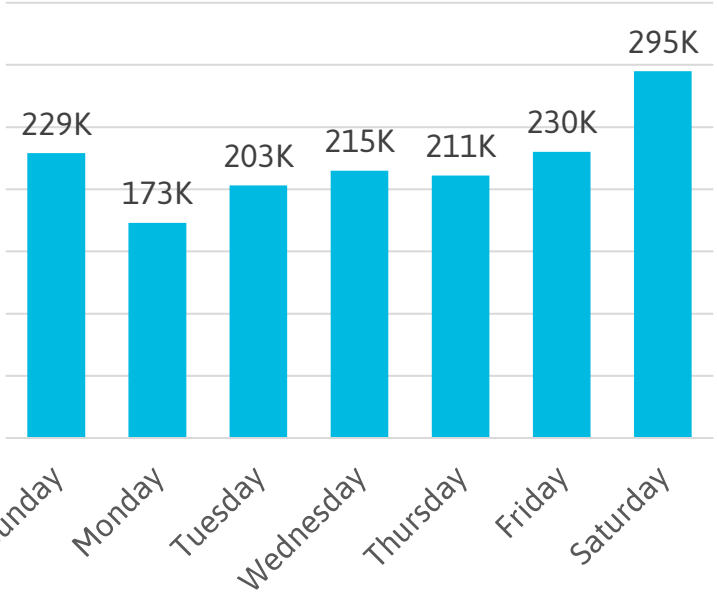
Recent data shows that since the initial rollout of parking plan initiatives:

1. Downtown activity (in terms of number of transactions and total hours purchased) remains high on weekends (Figure 1)

2. The average parking stay is less than 90 minutes, indicating increased space availability and overall compliance with parking time limits

3. Complaints related to prohibited and prolonged parking have decreased year-over-year around Esther Short Park and on the Waterfront

Figure 1: Total Parking Hours Purchased by Day (June 2025 - October 2026)



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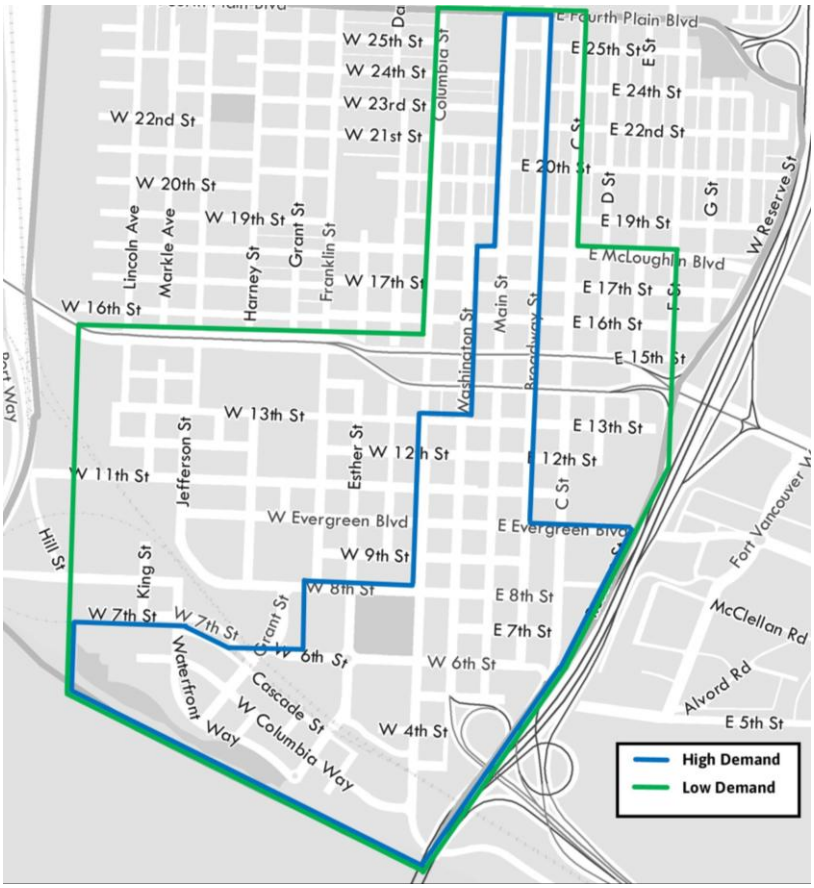
Over the next 12 months, the City is planning to:

1. Expand seven-day paid parking north of Evergreen Boulevard to reflect the high demand for on-street parking on weekends, increase parking space turnover, and improve access to local businesses

2. Designate High Demand and Low Demand Parking Zones (Figure 2) to encourage parking space turnover in active business corridors and ADA zones while providing more affordable, longer duration parking options in low-demand areas

3. Adjust the price and locations of permit parking to shift long term parking away from high-demand areas to low-demand areas, increase permit parking options overall, and expand hourly-wage parking permit options and eligibility

Figure 2: Hypothetical High Demand/ Low Demand Boundaries



These changes are planned for the third quarter of 2027, after extensive community outreach and stakeholder engagement. Contact parking@cityofvancouver.us with questions or feedback.

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