

Foreside parking

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To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Dear Council Members,

As a resident of the Foreside section of Kittery, I have read with interest about the parking issue. I became more concerned when an employee of a Foreside business told me she had to pay \$7.50 per hour one day to park her car while at work. This seemed to be an untenable situation, especially if we, as a town, want to keep the Foreside as a viable hub of diverse businesses.

It seems to me that a feasible solution would be to establish a zone for permit parking. Permit parking could easily be installed with a two-hour parking zone. Signage would have to be changed: "Two Hour or Permit Parking Only." Streets for this kind of zone would have to be determined; Walker Street seems a good place to start.

We already have permits for the transfer station and Fort Foster, so additional permits could be printed and distributed to businesses. If my understanding is correct, parking enforcement for the two-hour limit currently is done by an officer on foot. This same officer could be checking for permits as he/she checks for time restraints. Enforcement of parking permits at Seapoint and Foster is already done by walking patrols.

I strongly oppose the notion of a four-hour parking limit because it would not address the needs of Foreside businesses. When Wentworth Avenue had four-hour parking, shipyard personnel used those spaces for their vehicles. The spaces were full by 8 am. Employees arriving at work at 9 or 9:30 were not able to find a parking space in the four-hour zone.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,
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