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### **Two-Hour Free Parking Extended To January 1, 2021** ***Benefit Intended to Bring Needed Revenue to Local Businesses***

**September 17, 2020 (Wellesley, MA)** – The Town of Wellesley is investing in its businesses. This week the Board of Selectmen announced that 2-hour FREE PARKING at all marked meters is extended until January 1, 2021. The unusual decision is intended to help boost the local economy by encouraging shoppers and diners to spend money supporting retailers and restaurants without having to pay parking fees.

“We see this as an important and necessary step to help our businesses continue to recover from revenue lost when they were forced to close during the early months of the Coronavirus pandemic, and a small incentive to encourage as many customers as possible to visit and support our unique stores,” said Marjorie Freiman, Board of Selectmen chair.

To keep traffic moving and allow for frequent parking turnover, the 2-hour parking limit is strictly enforced by Wellesley parking attendants. After 2 hours, **vehicles must leave the street entirely or they will be ticketed**. Drivers may not move to other free parking spaces on the street for another two hours. This will also result in a ticket as parking attendants are monitoring cars.

The 2-hour meters are primarily located in the Wellesley Square and Wellesley Hills business districts and along Central and Washington Streets. All FREE PARKING meters are clearly marked with bags noting that parking is **free** for two hours. Non-bagged meters are not free; parking fees must be paid at those meters.

The FREE PARKING benefit is only for customers. Employees of Wellesley restaurants and businesses may park in municipal and commuter rail lots. In Wellesley Square, parking is available in these locations:

- Weston Road lot, Tailby lot, Waban Street lot which is entirely 4-hour meters
- Cameron Street lot which offers a mix of all-day spaces and 2-, 4-, and 10-hour meters (FREE PARKING does not apply in this lot)

In Wellesley Hills, employee parking is available in these locations:

- Eaton Court lot and Wellesley Hills commuter rail lot
- River Street lot near the Wellesley-Newton town line which offers 4-hour and 10-hour parking.

[See a map of Wellesley municipal and commuter rail lots.](#)

The Town of Wellesley offers two mobile payment applications for easy, touchless parking: [PayByPhone](#) and [Passport](#). These applications give drivers the option to purchase and extend parking directly from their smart devices and can be found at street parking and parking lot locations across the Town. For more information, visit the [Parking Clerk webpages](#) on the Town of Wellesley website.