

Parking Pay Stations

New parking technology arrives on 12th Avenue

Starting the week of February 14, 2005, pay stations will replace the 1-hour and 2-hour time limits on 12th Avenue between E Madison St and E Jefferson St. This is an on-going part of the City of Seattle's plan to install pay stations in neighborhood business districts to improve parking turnover for customers. SDOT starting meeting with neighborhood stakeholders in 2002 to review a variety of tools to improve parking on 12th Avenue, including the ability of customers to find short-term parking. The results of a parking study conducted in October 2004 support the use of pay stations to improve parking turnover.

In the weeks after installation, look for "meter greeters" on the sidewalks, offering assistance to customers and visitors using the new pay stations.

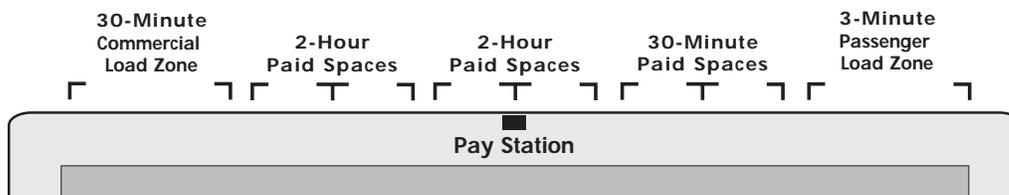
What is a pay station?

- Automated kiosk replacing multiple parking meters on a block
- Accepts coins, credit and debit cards
- Provides customer receipts
- Communicates in Chinese, English and Spanish

What are the benefits of paid parking?

- Pay stations and parking meters increase parking turnover dramatically over time-limit signs, increasing the ability of customers to find a parking space.
- Pay stations and meters are easier to enforce than time-limit signs. Their presence makes it harder for employees, students and commuters to use customer parking spaces for all-day parking.
- Parking revenue is used city-wide to pay for transportation improvements, police and life safety, economic development, and other essential government services.

This example shows a typical Seattle block after a standardized layout is applied and a pay station installed



What other changes can be expected?

To make on-street parking easier for all users, and to minimize walking distances to pay stations, the installation process is a great opportunity to redesign and standardize parking layouts along most blocks.

What is a standardized blockface?

On a standardized block face:

- At least 3 to 4 paid spaces (30-minute and 2-hour) are grouped together to be served by a pay station
- Each 30-minute space is marked with signs
- Load zones are moved to block ends to improve access by vehicles and delivery trucks
- Depending upon the adjacent land use (e.g., apartment building), some mid-block load zones remain unchanged
- Peak period restrictions, bus zones and no-parking zones remain the same

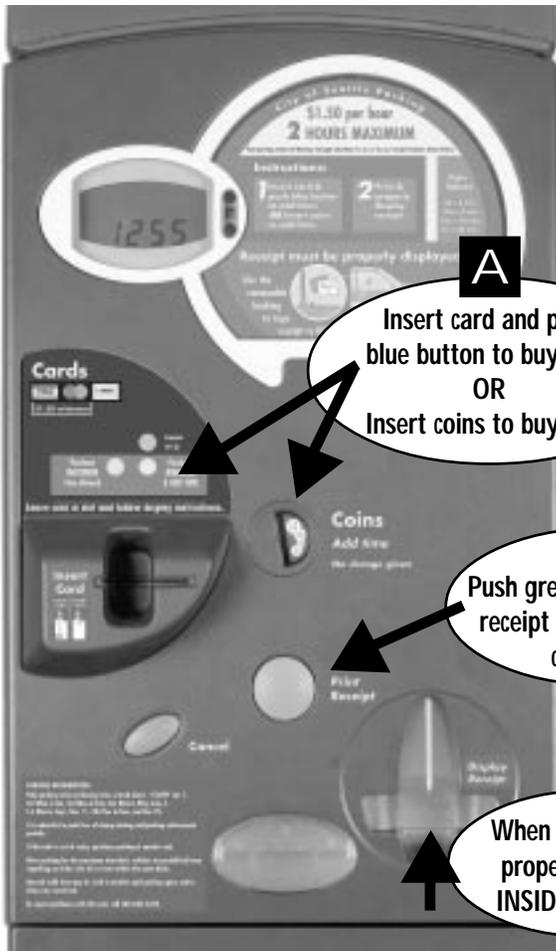
How to Use Pay Stations

1 Look for these signs on blocks with pay stations

Wherever a City block has one or more pay stations, signs at each end of the block direct users to "Pay to Park" with an arrow pointing towards the pay station. Above each pay station another sign points to the machine and directs users to "Pay Here to Park."



2 Use the pay station to purchase parking



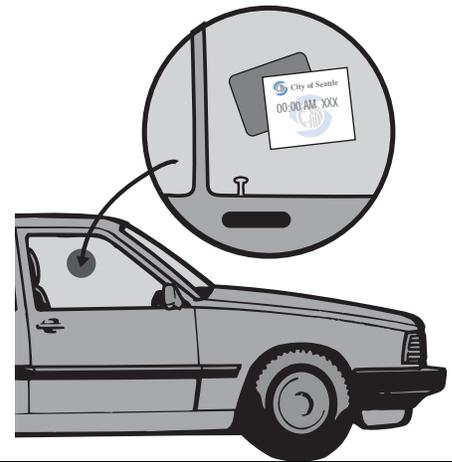
A
Insert card and push blue button to buy time
OR
Insert coins to buy time

B
Push green button to print receipt and then remove credit card

C
When receipt prints, properly display it
INSIDE car window

3 Display the receipt properly

The pay station will print a receipt that has a removable backing. Peel off the back and use it to tape the receipt to the inside of the curbside window. For angled parking, use the side window on the driver's side. Be sure that the expiration time is facing out!



4 Take unexpired time with you to another parking space

Until the time on the receipt expires, park at any other parking meter or pay station space in Seattle! Regardless of expiration time,

time limits and all other parking regulations still apply.

