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CITY OF SOUTH BEND ANNOUNCES NEW 2017 PARKING PROGRAM

As we enjoy the advent of downtown growth, the City Administration, the Office of City Clerk and DTSB have collaborated to improve the City's parking program in the interest of promoting a thriving and hospitable downtown. Based on the findings and proposals of the 2016 Parking Study conducted by Rich & Associates, Inc., the City of South Bend's Ordinance Violations Bureau (OVB) is ready to implement new parking changes beginning **January 1, 2017**. These amendments are aimed at providing an enjoyable downtown experience for all residents. As the number of downtown residences and businesses continue to increase, it is imperative that the City manages a fair and equitable parking program for all downtown users. The primary change being implemented is an increase the overtime parking penalty to twenty dollars (\$20.00)—the late fee will remain ten dollars (\$10.00). The hope is that this change will decrease the number of overtime parking violations. There are several additional user-friendly changes being implemented to improve downtown parking, including:

- *Conversion of all one (1)-hour parking spaces to two (2)-hour*
- *Implementation of overtime parking grace periods*
- *A one (1)-time warning ticket permitted for first-time violators per calendar year*
- *Parking Amnesty Day exercised at the discretion of City Clerk Fowler*
- *Revision of the parking garage payment structure to include the implementation of new rates for part-time parkers and downtown residents (**nights & weekends remain free**), and the ability to auto-pay for monthly parkers*

For information regarding downtown parking changes, feel free to contact the Ordinance Violations Bureau at 574-235-9221.

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