

City Launching Pilot Program to Increase Parking Access for Downtown Businesses' Employees

Employers Can Purchase Discounted Parking Passes for Qualifying Employees Beginning Jan. 9

The City of Santa Fe is launching a pilot program designed to help increase parking access for downtown employees. The one-year pilot offers businesses within the Paseo de Peralta perimeter the option to purchase up to 10 parking permits for their income-qualified employees at a cost of \$25/month. To qualify, employees must earn less than \$21.71/hour including tips. A total of 150 passes are available for the pilot and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Employers can request passes at the City's three downtown parking garages: Railyard, Community Convention Center, or Sandoval.

The Parking Division will begin accepting applications on Tuesday, January 9, at 9 a.m. <u>Click here for</u> more information and for instructions on how to apply.

The City has prioritized the development of <u>multimodal transportation network</u> that will offer alternatives to access downtown and the Railyard. The parking program pilot offers an opportunity for employers to participate in a potential solution to the current need and will allow the City to collect additional data on downtown parking demand and access. The data will inform next steps with the pilot or future programs.

This program was created by a resolution sponsored by Councilor Amanda Chavez, Councilor Signe Lindell, Councilor Lee Garcia, Councilor Jamie Cassutt, and former Councilwoman Renee Villarreal, and adopted unanimously by the entire Governing Body.