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Mayor Narkewicz Announces Temporary Parking Measures in the E.J. Gare Parking Garage

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As a result of ongoing mechanical issues with the automated, pay-on-foot parking system in the E.J. Gare Parking Garage, temporary parking measures will go into place at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013. Attendants will be collecting a flat rate of \$4.00 upon entry to the garage during the hours of 7 a.m - 5 p.m. and \$5.00 after 5 p.m. This temporary system will be in place until the parking system is fully functional again. Monthly garage leaseholders will not be affected by these temporary parking measures and may continue to use the garage as usual.

Replacement parts for the aging system were expected last week, however customs delays have slowed their arrival from Germany until next week. Mayor Narkewicz spoke personally with the CEO of the company to express his frustration with the unacceptable delays and the impacts they are having on Northampton's parking system. Special signs outlining the temporary rates will be posted at the entrance to the garage and a parking attendant will be stationed at the entry gate to collect fees and assist visitors.

In addition to taking these temporary measures to ensure smooth operations of the garage, the Mayor is accelerating a planned replacement of the current, unreliable system.