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Parking changes coming to Downtown Northampton next week

On Monday, November 14, 2016, the time limit for parking on Main Street in Downtown Northampton will be changed from 1-hour to 2-hour parking along with a fee change from \$0.75 to \$1.00 per hour.

This represents the first of several downtown parking changes, including technology upgrades and signage improvements, that are based on recommendations contained in a Downtown Northampton Parking Management Study prepared for the city by Walker Parking Consultants. Mayor Narkewicz recommended this first change to Main Street parking, approved last week by the City Council, to coincide with the start of the busy holiday shopping season for downtown merchants, including the upcoming Bag Day sale scheduled for November 19, 2016.

Additional time changes for certain off-street lots will follow in early 2017 when the city is scheduled to deploy upgraded pay station technology that will include the ability to pay with credit cards or a smartphone application. More information about the city's parking system is available at: <http://northamptonma.gov/259/Parking-Lots-Passes>