

## Lee County Downtown Carpool Parking Program



### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- ✓ Free and convenient parking spaces
- ✓ Covered spaces for government employees
- ✓ Prime uncovered spaces for carpools containing non-government employees
- ✓ A reduced rate in the public lot for drive alone days
- ✓ Use of the Emergency Ride home program, plus one additional ride per year
- ✓ Incentivized Trip-Tracking Program
- ✓ Save money!



### SAVE MONEY!

**A four person carpool saves \$690 per month (vs. four people driving alone)!**

For example, the average monthly cost for one person to commute full time (21 days), 20 miles roundtrip, is \$210\* plus a \$15 parking fee, or \$225 total. Combined, the cost of four people driving alone to work is \$900.

Alternatively, four people in a carpool share the \$210 monthly cost (no parking fee for carpools), at \$52.50 per person, per month. Each person saves \$172.50 or \$690 combined.

#### Combined costs of commuters who drive alone

	1 car 1 person	2 cars 2 people	3 cars 3 people	4 cars 4 people	5 cars 5 people
Monthly parking fee, to increase in 2011	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$60	\$75
Combined cost to commute full time (21 days), 20 miles roundtrip*	\$210	\$420	\$630	\$840	\$1,050
Total combined cost to park and drive alone	\$225	\$450	\$675	\$900	\$1,126

#### Combined savings of commuters who carpool

	1 car 2 people	1 car 3 people	1 car 4 people	1 car 5 people
Monthly parking fee, to increase in 2011	\$15**	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cost to share to commute full time (21 days), 20 miles roundtrip*	\$225	\$210	\$210	\$210
Cost per individual	\$112.50	\$70	\$52.50	\$42***
Total savings per carpool (vs. drive alone)	\$112.50	\$465	\$690	\$916

\* based on government standard rate for business travel of \$.50 per mile, <http://www.irs.gov>.

\*\* free parking is available for carpools of 3 or more

\*\*\* depending on the number of weeks per month or the carpool arrangement, individuals costs per month will be much less

## ELIGIBILITY

Any government affiliated employee who regularly carools with 2 other working adults (a minimum 3 person carpool). Carpools may contain non-county employees; however, only uncovered spaces are available.

## DEFINITIONS

**Parking garage:** The Lee County Employee Garage located at 2120 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL.

**Public lot:** The public parking lot located in downtown Ft. Myers; the entrance is located off Heitman St., and exits off Cottage St.

**Vehicle Access Card:** One card issued to each carpool with government affiliated employees, used to control vehicle entrance to the restricted parking garage.

**Pedestrian Access:** Additional access granted to carpools with government affiliated employees, to control pedestrian entrance to the restricted parking garage.

**Carpool:** For the purposes of this program, a carpool is defined as three or more working adults who commute to work in the same vehicle on a full-time, weekly basis.

**Carpool Parking "Hangtag" Permit:** A Commuter Services permit in the form of a hang tag, issued by Facilities Services to each member of a verified carpool, entitling the group to park in specified premium locations. On days participants must drive alone to work, they may show this hangtag to the parking attendant at the public lot for a discounted rate of \$2.50 per day.

**Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program, plus one:** In addition to the four rides home per year, currently offered by Commuter Services, Lee County is sponsoring one additional emergency ride home, capped at \$30 per calendar year. Lee County's "plus one" ERH may be used as a single trip or by the combination of several trips, not to exceed \$30. Only qualified emergencies will be reimbursed, see [www.CommuterServicesFL.com](http://www.CommuterServicesFL.com) for complete program details.

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## How the Lee County Carpool Parking Program Works:

**Step 1: Register.** Contact Commuter Services to register and verify all members of the carpool. Commuter Services will assign you a carpool number, and can assist in finding additional or replacement members.

**Step 2: Complete a carpool parking application (attached).** You must designate a primary driver and, if applicable, a secondary driver, who is responsible for maintaining the carpool, notifying Facilities Services of any changes, and renewing the parking permit.

**Step 3: Submit completed application to Facilities Services.** They will verify the carpool status as governmental or non-governmental, issue a parking space and numbered hang tags per carpool member, and issue one vehicle access card per carpool. Additional members will be granted pedestrian access (government only).

**Step 4: Maintain carpool.** If you or your carpool partners experience a shift or job change that alters the carpool, you must notify Facilities Services immediately. To find new riders for your carpool, call Commuter Services.

**Step 5: Renewal.** All hangtags must be renewed every 12 months on January 1st. You will be notified one month prior to renewal date that you need to re-apply for your hangtag.

### RULES:

1. Parking will be appropriately enforced, and violators will be towed.
2. If you must drive alone to work, you must park in the public lot. County employees may show their badge and carpool parking permit/hang-tag for a reduced rate of \$2.50 per day.
3. At least one carpool participant must be a downtown government affiliated employee; no unauthorized parking will be permitted.
4. All carpool hangtags must be visible at all times from front of windshield.
5. If ridership drops below 3 riders, notify Facilities Services immediately and contact Commuter Services to find new participants. Failure to do so will result in termination of carpool parking privileges, and a regular parking space will be assigned with associated fees.
6. Continued complaints regarding low ridership will result in termination of carpool parking privileges.
7. Transfer, without notification, of hangtags to drivers not identified on the parking application/agreement will result in termination of carpool parking privileges. If a new rider is added to a carpool, the primary and/or secondary driver must update the carpool application with Facilities Services and Commuter Services.

**Rules are subject to change at the Facilities Services' sole discretion without advance notice.**



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PREFERRED PARKING