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Free Parking at Downtown Garage Extended Through 2022

Parking at *Park at the 99*, Springfield’s downtown parking garage and retail center, will be free throughout 2022, city officials announced today.

Free parking at the garage was offered in September 2020 and extended through 2021. Due to the local economic impact of COVID-19, officials have decided to waive parking fees throughout 2022.

“Our community has endured a lot of hardships due to COVID-19, and offering free parking at the garage through 2022 is one thing we can do to alleviate the economic impact of the pandemic, as well as lending support to our local businesses,” said Springfield City Manager Bryan Heck. “Many in our community have discovered the convenience of using the garage, and we hope this gives even more people an opportunity to experience that.”

Prior to the decision to make it free regular rates to park in the garage were \$2 per hour at a daily maximum of \$6; the monthly rate was \$55. All of those fees are waived so that parking is free to the public throughout 2022. The fees will be re-evaluated toward the end of next year, said Heck.

Park at the 99 opened in May 2020 less than a year after construction began. The facility includes 305 parking spaces and more than 3,000 square feet of first-floor retail space that faces existing storefronts on Fountain Avenue. Dugan and Meyers, based in Columbus, built the structure. The \$6.8 million project was a collaborative effort between the City of Springfield, Clark County, State of Ohio, Clark State Community College, and Community Improvement Corporation.

For more information about Park at the 99, go to parkspringfieldoh.com.