



Paso Robles Downtown Parking

Frequently Asked Questions

Where and when is paid parking required?

The paid parking area is from 10th to 14th streets and from Spring to Pine streets only (see the map to the right). Pay stations require payment **Daily from 9:00AM – 8:00PM**. There is no time limit. Parking is free on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

What is the paid parking rate?

Parking is free for the first two hours when you start your parking session with your license plate, and \$2 per hour for additional time. Only one 2-hour free session can be registered daily.

How can I pay for parking?

There are 3 options to pay for parking:

1. You can visit any one of the 34 convenient pay stations around Downtown. Be sure to **remember your license plate number** when paying for parking! **Most pay stations accept debit and credit card only**. Three pay stations also accept **cash** payments. The cash enabled pay stations are conveniently located at:

- 11th Street and Park Street near the horseshoe area,
- 12th Street and Pine Street on the southwest corner, and
- 13th Street and Park Street on the southeast corner.

No pay stations accept coins.

2. The **Flowbird mobile application** is available for your parking convenience! You can easily complete a payment using a smartphone if you download the Flowbird mobile application (available on the iOS App Store and Android Google Play Store) and create an account. If you use the Flowbird application, you can add more time to your parking session remotely.

3. You can **text "ParkPASO" to 727563** to receive a link to pay for parking on your cell phone. This option allows you to pay for parking without downloading an app. You will receive a reminder text message to add more time to your parking session when it expires.

Do I need to pay for parking if I have a valid ADA placard or ADA license plate?

No. Per California state law, if you have an ADA placard or license plate you are exempt from the paid parking policies for on-street parking. This means if your plate or placard are displayed, you may park in any paid parking stall without payment and you will not receive a citation.

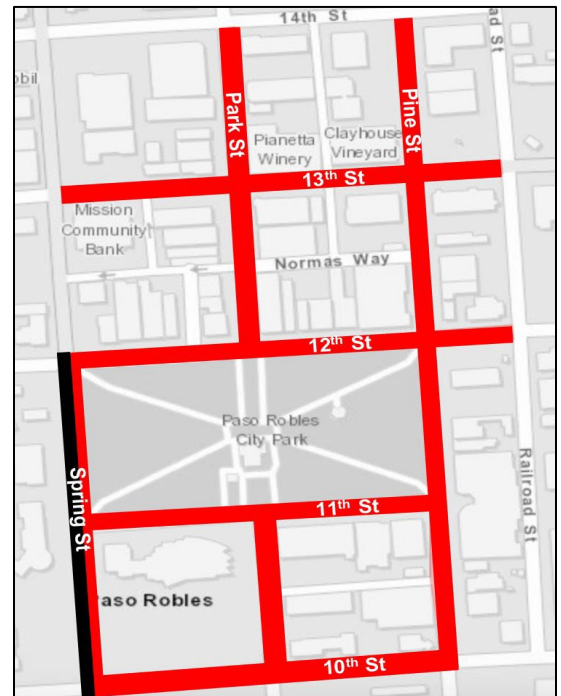


Figure 1. Paid Parking Locations (Red)

Do I need to pay for parking if I am parked in a space marked with a green curb?

No. If you are parked in a time limited space marked with a green curb, you do not have to register your plate or pay for parking. You can only be parked in a time limited space for the posted amount of time. If you need to park for a longer period of time, you must park in a regular space and register your plate.

Do I need to put anything on my dashboard or windshield to indicate that I paid to park?

No. Parking Ambassadors verify your payment status based on your license plate number. You do not need to return to your vehicle with a receipt. Be sure to enter your license plate correctly.

Do I still need to use a pay station or the Flowbird application if I'm only staying for the free parking period of 2 hours or less?

Yes. Entering your license plate number and initiating a parking session through a pay station or the mobile app will send an indication to Parking Ambassadors that you are starting your 2 free hours of parking and a citation will not be issued. During the paid parking operating hours, you must always start your parking session when you arrive Downtown at a pay station or through the mobile app regardless of how long you are staying.

Are there any opportunities to validate my parking?

Participating merchants offer parking validation codes for customers. Merchants can choose to offer validation codes that can be used at the pay stations or on the mobile app. Parking validation codes can be applied to future parking sessions.

I work downtown- What are my options for parking?

The City sells a downtown employee parking permit for **\$5 per month**. Downtown employee parking permits are valid **8:00AM – 8:00PM, 7 days a week**. Permit holders can choose to park on-street but will be subject to the on-street paid parking rules. This means that if you plan on parking for more than 1 day downtown, it is **more cost effective to purchase an employee permit**. Downtown employees and residents can find more information on purchasing a parking permit at:

<https://www.prcity.com/361/Downtown-Parking>.

The map to the right shows the employee parking permit areas in Downtown Paso Robles. Feel free to contact the City and a representative will be happy to provide guidance: parking@prcity.com or (805) 227-PARK.



How is paid parking and permit parking enforced?

Parking is enforced with License Plate Reader (LPR) technology that reads license plates to determine if the plate is registered for a parking session or for a permit.

To review the LPR policy, visit:

<https://www.prcity.com/DocumentCenter/View/25360/Automated-License-Plate-Recognition-ALPRs>

Are there any areas downtown where I can park for free?

Yes! A number of free parking locations remain available, such as:

- Along 14th Street,
- Railroad Street,
- Pine Street and Park Street south of 10th Street,
- Spring Street north of 12th Street
- The west side of Spring Street, and
- Within certain public parking lots.