

Town of NatickTown Administrator's Office

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FROM: MARTHA WHITE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: PARKING FEES FOR CALENDAR 2018

DATE: 11/9/2017

CC: SUE CALHOUN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE STEPHEN PRICE, TREASURER/COLLECTOR & PARKING CLERK

ARTIE FAIR, PRESIDENT NATICK CENTER ASSOCIATES

To allow staff to solicit applications and issue parking permits prior to January 1, the Board needs to set the 2018(calendar year) parking fees for Downtown business employees and commuters.

The current fee for Downtown business employees is \$325; this fee was increased from \$300 in 2007. As has been the case for the last several years and in support of Downtown businesses, I recommend maintaining the current fee of \$325. At present there are approximately 379 such permits in use; at this time last year there were 350 downtown business permits in use.

With respect to the senior citizen parking permits, the Board of Selectmen voted at their meeting on October 2nd to increase the annual fee from \$2 to \$3; this fee effectively covers the cost of administering this program.

With respect to fees for commuters, our lease with the property owner (Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston) is in its third year of a three year term, scheduled to expire on December 31, 2017. The payment for 2015 is \$53,060, for 2016 \$54,122 and for 2017 \$55,204.

Current annual fees are \$615 for residents and \$725 for non-residents. These fees were increased in 2014 from \$600 and \$700 respectively. A total of 99 permits are presently issued for the commuter lot, of which 88 are for Natick residents and 11 for non-residents, for estimated total 2017 revenue to date of \$62,095 (this figure is an estimate given that the number of resident/non-resident permits can fluctuate somewhat during the year). This program has been well subscribed for the last few years; at present we have a waiting list of 76 commuters.