

## Michigan Flyer Parking

**From:** [Patricia Marten](#)  
**To:** [DDA](#)  
**Subject:** parking for Michigan Flyer  
**Date:** Monday, March 25, 2024 10:55:58 AM

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I am sorry that you have stopped the \$2/day parking for the Mi Flyer. It is a great way to get to the airport (I find driving there very stressful) and also other towns. I was wondering if you could clarify why you stopped it. I've heard that there are many open spots in the structures, as more people work from home. (per A2 Observer article, March 2024). The city is certainly pushing for more people to ride buses. I hope there is a way to bring back this service. The option of taking the AATA bus to Blake, to catch the Mi Flyer, and back, often doesn't work, as they are not running late enough.

Thank you, Pat

**From:** [Patricia Seyfarth](#)  
**To:** [DDA](#)  
**Subject:** Special Parking Pricing for Michigan Flyer customers  
**Date:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 8:08:59 PM

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Hello,

I received news from Michigan Flyer that you have suspended your discount pricing for customers who park at the 4th & William structure. I have found that discount so helpful as I am a senior with limited income.

When I visit my children, I drive from Saline to your structure and spend 4-5 days. It could cost me \$100 at your hourly rate just for the parking. That cost is prohibitive for me and I'm sure others would agree.

Have you reconsidered this decision? I am very disappointed that I lost this travel connection.

Sincerely,

Patty Seyfarth

## Proposed Parking Rate Changes

**From:** [Catherine Soltis](#)  
**To:** [DDA](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed New Parking Rates  
**Date:** Friday, March 8, 2024 9:31:09 AM

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Dear DDA Ann Arbor,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Catherine Soltis, and I am writing on behalf of the University of Michigan Credit Union. We have been longstanding supporters of the City of Ann Arbor's parking system, consistently paying for 39 permits monthly for several years.

Our concern arises from the proposed new rates for City of Ann Arbor parking, particularly the significant increase slated from the current rate set in 2022 through the proposed hike during 2024-2026 duration. The projected rise of 32.5% over the next two years translates to an additional cost of \$2,535 per month for our organization.

While we understand that adjustments may be necessary to meet evolving demands and ensure the sustainability of city services, such a substantial increase places an additional \$30,420 yearly cost to our organization. We hope that the DDA Board will vote no April 3, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

**Catherine Soltis**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO AVPS OF BRANCH OPS AND FACILITIES

# Parking Meters

**From:** [April Maddy](#)  
**To:** [DDA](#); [Eyer, Jen](#)  
**Subject:** Public Parking Policy Change Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 1:20:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [Detroit Parking System.pdf](#)

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Dear Downtown Development Board members and Councilwoman Jen Eyer,

My name is April Maddy, and I am an Ann Arbor resident in Ward 4. I have had unfortunate luck with your downtown on-street, metered parking system. First, I paid via what I thought was the Ann Arbor parking app, only to mistake it for the University of Michigan Parking app that had the same maize and blue colors. After I contested the parking ticket, explaining the color similarity confusion between the apps, having the ticket enforced, and paying the fine, I noticed that you changed the Ann Arbor parking app to have colors distinct from that of the University of Michigan parking app.

Recently, I paid for the maximum parking time for a metered parking space via your self-service electronic kiosk (because I had such a bad experience with confusing your app with another one, I will never use it, again). After dining at a restaurant and pulling out of my parking spot, I realized that I left my purse at the restaurant. Rather than deal with the unfriendly one-way streets, I decided to pull into the nearest available street parking space on the same street, one block away from my original parking spot, and leave a copy of my paid parking receipt from the previous parking spot on my car dashboard. The receipt had ample time left of paid parking. Unfortunately, after quickly emerging from the restaurant with my purse, I met with a parking ticket officer, who stated that since I did not pay for that specific parking spot, I violated the law. In court, the ticket was upheld, despite my argument that the on-street parking meter price was the same at the second parking location a block away from the original street parking spot that I paid for. I feel that this is unfair parking practice: Someone else can use the first parking space that I left and put more money into the public parking system to park there. Essentially, the city gets paid twice, three times, or more if people constantly pay for more time than they use in each parking spot. I do not get a refund of my money for leaving the parking spot earlier than the time I paid for it. There is no system set up to ensure that I am not over-charged for parking.

After researching about how other cities administer parking, I discovered this article about how Detroit's public parking system supports downtown economic development: <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2015/07/28/detroit-council-approves-parking-zones-meter-rates/30800237/>. (Please see the attached PDF copy for your convenience),

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Given that the downtown area is filled with restaurants and shops tailored to tourists from outside of the city, The Cherry Republic is an example, and the fact that there

are boarded up storefronts, reducing downtown revenue, I propose that the City of Ann Arbor follow the lead of Detroit by reducing on-street meter parking and changing their parking system to be more user friendly in order to attract more downtown shopping and dining.

Sincerely,

April Maddy