

Night parking: who can park for free?

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JUNE 12 — Free night parking has traditionally been one way to bring a car on campus without paying for an expensive permit, but this liberty will come to an end in the fall.

Undergraduate students, excluding freshmen, will pay for night parking — whether they have cars or not — through a \$10.40 fee.

Students who do have cars may register their vehicles online with the Department of Public Safety and park freely after 5 p.m.

The fee was approved by the Board of Trustees, including former Student Body President Christy Lambden, in November 2013. Lambden told The Daily Tar Heel at the time that he reluctantly

agreed to the fee over the alternative — a \$227 year-long night parking pass for students who needed it.

“No one really likes it, but it’s sort of like death and taxes,” Faculty Executive Committee Chairman and professor Bruce Cairns said in an FEC meeting last week. “We had to be fair. This was the fairest policy to distribute the parking costs.”

Last year, junior Shanim Patel parked his car on campus for free at night and on weekends. He said he objects to the new fee. “I think it’s just another way for the DPS to nickel and dime us,” he said.

Patel said he would prefer night passes be available to purchase for students who wanted them.

“I’m not sure why everyone would have to pay for a service that not everyone utilizes,” he said. “If you’re going to use nighttime parking, I have no problem with them

making you purchase a pass like you do for the summer or normal parking, but to apply the fee across all students is kind of useless.”

Freshmen were already forbidden from parking on campus, and this rule will extend to parking at night next year. They will not be charged the fee.

“Freshmen are not eligible any more than they were for daytime permits,” said DPS spokesman Randy Young.

With undergraduate night parking settled and graduate students’ parking dealt with by a similar fee, concerns remain for University faculty and employees accustomed to using different transportation during the day and bringing a car to campus at night.

Anyone who pays for a daytime parking pass will also be allowed to park on campus at night, but those without day passes will have to adjust their habits or budgets.

The Faculty Executive Committee talked about how the cost of night parking per-

mits may be a particular burden for low-paid groups like night-shift employees and postdoctoral researchers.

The permits range from \$227 for the sub-\$25,000 income bracket to \$390 for incomes above \$100,000.

Young said night-shift employees will have to buy night parking passes.

“The folks who are only working at night, their shift is basically the same as people who work during the day, except that traditionally, they’ve been receiving free parking,” he said. “So they would pay for their parking at night, for their nighttime work, the same way employees during the day have to. In the past, daytime parking permits have essentially subsidized those who park at night.”

Young said DPS does not plan to increase enforcement to inspect cars parked at night unless they see a particular need.

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THE STATE OF NIGHT PARKING ON CAMPUS

Free nighttime parking on campus will be a thing of the past starting in the fall. While most students’ night parking is taken care of as a part of a student fee, employees or visitors without day parking passes who want to bring cars on campus at night will have to pay.

	CAN I PARK AT NIGHT?	COST
FRESHMAN STUDENTS	NO ✗	N/A
UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS	YES ✓	\$10.40 FEE
DAY PASS OWNERS	YES ✓	ALREADY PAID AS PART OF DAY PASS
NIGHTTIME EMPLOYEES	YES ✓	\$227 TO \$390
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Chapel Hill’s Sup Dogs opens

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JUNE 12 — People lined up out the door for the opening day of Sup Dogs, a restaurant based in Greenville, N.C., that served its first hot dog on Monday.

Owner Bret Oliverio greeted customers at their tables and at the door on opening day. He said he didn’t know what sort of business the restaurant would see on opening day, but the crowds surprised him.

“I didn’t know if we were gonna have five people come through or five thousand,” he said. “The turnout’s just been way more than I ever could

have expected.”

General Manager Lindsey Ewing said the number of customers exceeded her expectations.

“I was completely shocked at how well it turned out.”

Ewing said she worked at the original Greenville, N.C., location for more than five years when she was offered the position in Chapel Hill.

The rest of the staff come from Chapel Hill, Oliverio said.

“We’re here for UNC, so we should hire UNC students.”

Oliverio said it’s important to him to be ingrained in the community of Chapel Hill. He said part of this process was getting to know the owners of other businesses in the area.

Chris Carini, the manager of Linda’s Bar & Grill at 203 E. Franklin St., said he welcomed the new competition.

“Any time there is something else that draws people to come to Franklin Street instead of somewhere else, I am very happy,” Carini said.

He said this was largely based on economic principles, and he cited the need for healthy competition as a mainstay of capitalism.

Lee Jones, assistant manager of Qdoba, felt similarly about the pending competition. He said the recent addition of restaurants had brought in more competition, so it was nothing new.



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Bret Oliverio, Sup Dogs’ owner, welcomes customers to the new Franklin Street restaurant on June 9 for the grand opening.

“We’re not too worried. We always seem to bounce back,” Jones said.

People at the restaurant on Monday included Chapel Hill locals and Greenville veterans.

Mike Mieszanek, an East Carolina University alumnus, said he was happy the restaurant he ate at weekly in college was now closer to his new home in Raleigh.

“Thirty minutes is a lot better than an hour and a half,”

Mieszanek said.

Chelsea Earley, a 2014 UNC alumna from New Jersey, said she noticed Sup Dogs while it was under construction. The restaurant has a porch area out front, where customers can eat outside.

“I hope it does well, since they obviously put a lot of money into remodeling the porch,” she said.

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