

Downtown parking

The downtown workers of Rapid City are pleading for help! Help that would provide a reasonably priced, safe and convenient place to park their cars during their working days. Help may be on the way in the form of a parking ramp, but until that becomes a reality, another solution could be considered in order to end the expensive and time-consuming game of "Beat the Meter!"

My suggestion to solve the problem involves the issuance of an annual parking permit in the form of a windshield sticker which would be easily identified and would exempt the car from a parking ticket. A reasonable fee for this permit could be \$50 a year since the administration cost in processing the parking tickets would be greatly reduced. The permits could be purchased at the City Finance office.

I believe it is time for the city to stop discouraging downtown workers. The proposed permit program could later be used for the parking ramp.

If people agree with the suggestion I ask they contact their council members or the mayor's office.

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