

# Important Conversations: Proposed Solutions



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#### Introduction



- Due to university growth, last year Transportation Services started discussion about services or policies that create inefficiencies or are provided at no cost.
- The purpose of these discussions was to bring up items of interest that could be modified, charged for or eliminated in order to accommodate more customers on campus.
- This year, based on past TSAC discussions, we will be bringing proposed solutions or actions related to some of these topics.



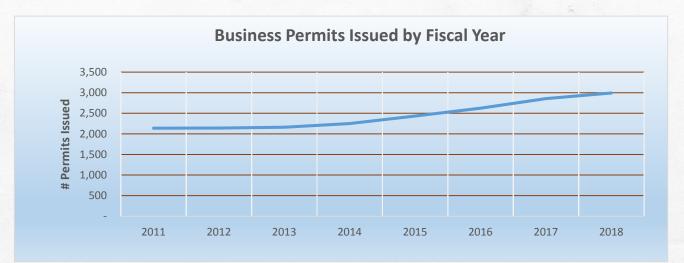
## **Business Permits**

- Business permits are available to departments for purchase and may be provided to employees who need to park at different areas on campus to conduct official university business. Business permits must be used in conjunction with a valid TAMU parking permit.
- Employees needing a Business permit ask their Departmental Parking Representative (DPR) to request one on their behalf.
- Business permits are \$39/year, and prorated.

## **Business Permit Growth**



This inexpensive option has become increasingly popular and shows to be continuing its growth this fall.



#### Business Permit Use



Parking Transaction History examples for the Last 30 days:

Days in Facility	Facility
28	Central Campus Garage
24	West Campus Garage
24	North Side Garage
19	University Center
18	Central Campus Garage
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16	University Center
14	Central Campus Garage

## **Business Permit Comments**



- In addition to the loss of revenue from saving spaces for Business Permits that could be sold, there are other issues they create:
  - Researching abuse is time consuming and costly to us.
  - Abuse in non-gated areas is difficult to measure.
  - Due to the low price, abuse if very difficult to prevent.

# Business Permit Proposal



- To curb abuse and ensure proper care with this product, we propose that it be priced appropriately, as follows:
  - Business Permit with access to pre-determined surface lots only. Proposal: Charge one half of current surface unreserved permit price. \$155.00
  - Business Permit with pre-determined surface and garage access. Proposal: Charge one half of current garage unreserved permit price. \$250.00
- Our system is capable of doing more than just adjust prices. There are other options to consider such as one agreed-upon price which could include a certain number of garage visits after which a charge was applied.
- Discussion?