

**National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO SPONSORS
RWSTC RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL 6-21-07
APPROVED BY NCUTCD COUNCIL 6-22-07**

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Regulatory/Warning Sign TC

TASK FORCE: PARKING FEE SIGNS

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REQUEST NUMBER

TOPIC: Parking Fee signs

ORIGIN OF REQUEST: NPA Parking Fee Signs (subset to Issue # 11, Red Border on No Parking signs) - FHWA

DISCUSSION:

Problem statement: The ITE Parking Council evaluated parking demand and the move to pay-and -display smart parking meters in many downtowns. This resulted in a variety of signing to indicate how best to sign for parking signage that indicates the cost to park. Parking wayfinding signage throughout the United States varies from green signs to blue signs, round signs to rectangular signs. Portland, Oregon in particular in 2002 authorized installation of pay station pay and display technology to replace its aging coin parking meters. With this move to pay-and-display smart parking meters, the MUTCD lacks guidance for these type of signs. The ITE Parking Council recommends that the sign attached be included in the MUTCD along with language for it's use.

Background: The cities of Savannah (GA), Portland (OR), and Baltimore (MD) are among a growing number of cities and towns that are replacing individual parking space meters with a "pay and display" system featuring mid-block "pay stations". After parking in a vacant on-street space, payment is made at the midblock parking pay station and the receipt (showing expiration time) is then displayed on the vehicle's dashboard.

Response: The pay-and-display parking signs (R7-XX, R7-XY or R7-XZ) are commonly used for fee parking throughout the United States and is a recommended symbol by ITE Parking Council. The (hand with coin) pay for fee symbol is planned for the NPA for addition in the MUTCD. It is recommended that this sign be accepted into

the MUTCD as a (Permissive Parking sign) which would be green legend with a white background.

Recommendation: (Proposed Change to MUTCD in red and underlined or ~~struck thru~~

Yellow highlight are changes made as a result of sponsor comments

Section 2B.39 Parking, Standing, and Stopping Signs (R7 and R8 Series)

Support:

Signs governing the parking.....

M. NO STOPPING ON PAVEMENT (R8-5)

N. Already proposed for PARKING PERMITTED 9AM TO 6 PM (R7-XX)

O. PAY PARKING or PAY TO PARK (R7-XX and R7-XY)

P. PAY STATION (R7-XZ)

Section 2B.40 Design of Parking, Standing, and Stopping Signs

Standard:

The legend on parking signs shall state applicable regulations. Parking signs shall conform to the standards of shape, color, and location.

Where parking is prohibited at all times or at specific times, the basic design for parking signs shall have a red legend and border on a white background (Parking Prohibition signs). Where only limited-time parking or parking in a particular manner are permitted, the signs shall have a green legend and border on a white background (Permissive Parking signs).

Where parking is permitted at all times or at specific times, the **Fee-Pay Parking (R7-XX) or the Pay to Park (R7-XY) sign shall have a green legend, border and circle with a black "P" with white background (Permissive Parking sign).**

The **Pay Fee Station sign (R7-XZ X) shall have a green legend, border and symbol with white background (Permissive Parking sign). Parking time limit shall display the number of hours or minutes permitted along with the word HOURS or MINUTES as applicable. (See Figure 2B-16).**

Guidance:

Fee Pay Parking (R7-XX) or the Pay to Park (R7-XY) signs should be used to define the area where the pay station parking applies. Color-coding of time limits is permitted if colors are in conformance with Section 2A.11.

Fee Pay Station signs (R7-XZ X) should be used at the pay fee station or to direct users to the pay fee station.

Option:

Parking time limit display for **Pay Fee** Parking signs (R7-XX and R7-XY) or **Pay Station** signs (R7-XZ) may vary depending on time limits of parking allowed.

Support:

Fee Parking signs (R7-XX) are used where parking needs to be controlled and sign control or parking meters are determined to be inadequate

Revise Figure 2B-16 –)

- Add R7-XX **PAY FEE** PARKING sign (see detail below)
- Add R7-XY **PAY TO PARK** sign (see detail below)
- Add R7-XZ **X PAY FEE** STATION sign. (see detail below)



Note: The word fee is changed
To PAY

R7-XX

R7-XY

“Pay Fee Parking” or “Pay to Park” sign is placed at beginning and End of block and intermediate points as appropriate



R7-XZ

“Pay Fee Station” sign shall be located at the **pay fee** station or modified as a directional sign to the station.

Number of hours or minutes displayed on the sign

RWSTC VOTE: For: Unanimous

COUNCIL VOTE: For: Unanimous