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Poulsbo City Council Votes to Return to Free Waterfront Parking

POULSBO, WA – The Poulsbo City Council voted to temporarily suspend the paid parking program in the downtown waterfront parking lot, effective immediately through May 31, 2027.

The decision follows feedback from local downtown merchants and members of the public who have shared concerns and challenges they have experienced since the implementation of the paid parking program on August 15, 2026.

The City recognizes the importance of maintaining a vibrant and accessible downtown waterfront for residents, visitors, and local businesses. Council's decision reflects its commitment to listening to community feedback and evaluating how City programs impact the downtown business community and those who visit Poulsbo.

"The clear message tonight is historic downtown Poulsbo waterfront district is back open for business with no payment requirement. We appreciate the feedback we've received from our downtown merchants, community members, and visitors," said Mayor Stern. "We recognize that parking plays an important role in the downtown experience, and the Council felt it was important to respond to the concerns raised and take a step back to evaluate the program."

During the suspension period, three hour timed limited parking will be restored to the Anderson Parkway waterfront parking lot. Enforcement of time limits will still be in effect throughout the waterfront parking lot and downtown core. During the suspension, the City will work with local stakeholders to refine the downtown parking program.

The City will continue to evaluate downtown parking needs and consider community feedback as it determines next steps for the program.

The City of Poulsbo appreciates the continued engagement of its downtown business community and residents as we work together to support a welcoming, accessible, and thriving downtown.

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