



Planning & Development Department

## News Release

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### **No Change? No Problem for New Downtown Meters**

Change is coming to parking meters in downtown Eugene, but not the kind made of nickels and dimes. This week, Eugene's Parking Services program has installed new meters that accept credit cards as well as coins along Broadway, between Willamette and Lincoln streets for a 90 day test run.

"Not having change for the meter is one of the most frequent issues I hear people talk about when it comes to downtown parking," notes Parking Services Manager Jeff Petry. "The new meters will make it easier for people to come downtown and park in a metered space without having to worry about change."

The new meters alert customers when payment is not necessary by turning themselves off at 6:00 PM and back on at 7:00 AM. The solar powered meters can also notify Parking Services when they are broken.

Currently there are approximately 965 metered on-street parking spaces in Eugene. Metered spaces downtown are 75 cents an hour Monday through Saturday. The Overpark (10<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Oak Street) and Parcade (8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Willamette Street) parking structures offer one-hour free parking Monday through Friday and all City of Eugene garages are free on Saturday and Sundays, except during signed events. For more information on City Parking Services visit the website at [www.parkeugene.com](http://www.parkeugene.com).

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