



# Lexington and Fayette County Parking Authority

*Presentation to Environmental Quality & Public Works  
Committee Regarding Parking Citations During Winter  
Weather Emergencies*

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# Lexington and Fayette County Parking Authority “LFCPA”

LFCPA is the only parking provider to volunteer /provide free or reduced rate parking during winter storm emergencies and otherwise. We engaged with LFUCG to implement program and involvement in 2024.

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**LEXPARK**'s original intent in supporting on-street and garage parking operations during winter weather was (as noted in our meeting with then Commissioner Albright) -

- To improve the City's ability to plow streets effectively
- Provide reasonable alternative parking options to on-street for residents and visitors.
- This support was structured around two scenarios:
  - (1) when a Snow Emergency is declared and
  - (2) when significant snowfall occurs without a Snow Emergency.

## Current Plan – as proposed by LFCPA

### Snow Emergency Declared by Mayor

LEXPARK will provide free parking from 6pm to 8am for duration of declaration at all four garages subject to event parking predominantly of UK basketball games or other material downtown parking need which would qualify only 350 West Short Garage.

The remaining three (Helix, Courthouse, Transit) are available.

All participating vehicles must be removed by 8am to allow for monthly parking and other typical traffic of garages.

Citations on-street may be issued if flagrant non-removal of vehicles or extremely safety violations. Snow tickets, in garage, will be issued.

**LFUCG to engage with LEXPARK to coordinate any adjustments and enforcement during snow emergencies –**

Example – enforcement only on snow emergency routes after 48 hours or all downtown

LFUCG to provide notice of when enforcement will begin and end (staffing) and

Update enforcement protocols in press releases and mayor’s public addresses

**LEXPARK** to adhere to existing inclement weather citation issuance once citations resume–

Yellow curbs must be easily identified

Meters must be available and working

Snow has not been plowed to restrict movement of vehicle – there is a reasonable path of exit for vehicle

Safety violations will be enforced as appropriate (suggest the \$100 violations and ADA violations); warning citations to be issued as appropriate.

## Non-Snow Emergency Levels

Garages available at evening rates or reduced rates if significant snowfall (excess of 4 inches on ground – not accumulation phase)

**LEXPARK** to adhere to existing inclement weather on street citation issuance –

- Yellow curbs must be easily identified

- Meters must be available and working

- Snow has not been plowed to restrict movement of vehicle – there is a reasonable path of exit for vehicle

Safety violations will be enforced as appropriate (suggest the \$100 violations and ADA violations)

No meter enforcement if at or greater than 4 inches of snow or significant ice cover.

Warning citations will be issued, as necessary.

Sec. 18-122. - Twenty-four-hour parking. (1) The parking of any vehicle on any street for more than twenty-four (24) hours is hereby prohibited. Any vehicle parked for more than twenty-four (24) hours is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. (2) Any safety officer, parking control officer or peace officer is authorized to attach notice to such vehicle demanding that the owner or user of such vehicle abate such public nuisance within twenty-four (24) hours after such notice has been attached to the vehicle. (3) If the vehicle has not been moved for twenty-four (24) hours after the notice to abate has been attached to the vehicle, the public nuisance may be abated by impounding the vehicle. (Ord. No. 15-83, § 1, 2-10-83; Ord. No. 96-2004, § 1, 5-13-04; Ord. No. 6-2005, § 1, 1-13-05; Ord. No. 329-2005, § 11, 12-13-05)

Sec. 18-123. - All-night parking. No person shall park a vehicle between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., except in emergency situations, on the following paved streets of the urban county within the described boundary, when indicated by appropriate signs: East and west direction: Vine Street to Main to Main. Main Street from Jefferson to Midland. Short Street from Spring to Esplanade. Barr Street from North Limestone to Walnut. Pleasant Stone Street from North Limestone to Walnut. North and south direction: Broadway from High to Second. Mill Street from High to Second. Cheapside from Short to Main. Market Street from Short to Church. Upper Street from High to Second. Limestone Street from High to Third. Walnut Street from Main to Pleasant Stone. Quality Street from Main to Vine. Dewese Street from Main to Short. (Ord. No. 146-76, § 1, 7-22-76; Ord. No. 34-87, § 1, 3-5-87; Ord. No. 166-9)

## 2025 Winter Storm

05 Jan – Sunday

We abated citations until Thursday 09 Jan

Citations written on 09 and 10 Jan waived without request.

## 2026 Winter Storm

24 Jan – Saturday

We abated citation full 8 days to Monday, 02 Feb, writing warnings predominately.



Unintended consequences of cars parked on street during excessive snow and ice storms -



# Clay Avenue – retail section of Lexington

## Example -

- Street not plowed initially; when plowed the parking lane of street became ice bound restricting access
- Clients could not access parking due to ice conditions
- Merchants collaborating going forward have contracted for snow removal

# VALUE OF ENFORCEMENT and LEXPARK—

*The ice is gone, and it's time to start enforcing the parking rules again. 😊*

*People without a handicap placard or plate have been parking in the spot, 328 Park Ave, almost every day. It's usually the young man in the Toyota Rav-4, but I have seen others. They have no respect or consideration.*

*His Toyota is parked there now. He used to have a temporary placard, but it is expired, so he puts it up backwards where he thinks no one can see the date, but you can. Most of the time he doesn't even put it up anymore. It is not hanging there right now.*

*Beyond that, it's back to chaos after 5pm*

*I overlooked everything while we had snow and ice on the road.*

*Thank you for your time!*



- **LEXPARK** does not control the parking segment in Lexington, or downtown Lexington-

- Ten garages – **LEXPARK** owns three; manages Courthouse Garage
- Surface Lots - **LEXPARK** leases one surface lot; owns two others that are under long term leases
- On Street – **LEXPARK** acts under the city ordinance, creating responsibility, obligation and liability.

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