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City of Oakland Announces Free 2015 Holiday Parking

Oakland, CA — In the spirit of the holidays and to stimulate shopping in Oakland's commercial districts in support of local merchants, the City of Oakland will offer **free parking every Saturday between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, plus Plaid Friday which is November 27.**

"Oakland is full of so many great places to buy gifts and celebrate at any time of the year," said Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf. "But we especially want to make sure that residents and visitors take advantage of all Oakland has to offer this holiday season by encouraging everyone to support Oakland's small businesses which are the backbone of our local economy."

On Saturday, November 28; Saturday, December 5; Saturday, December 12; Saturday, December 19; and Saturday, December 26, the City of Oakland is offering **free parking at meters** on streets throughout Oakland and at four City-owned parking lots for the time period posted on the meter or kiosk (30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours, 4 hours or 5 hours). The program will also provide free parking at four City-owned garages.

The free parking "holidays" apply to both standard meters and the multi-space parking kiosks located in many commercial districts. To keep the flow of shoppers moving – standard parking rules and time limits will be enforced. If shoppers need more time than a particular meter allows, they will need to move their cars to another available parking space.

Promotional messages about the free Saturday parking will be programmed into the Smart parking meters and the multi-space kiosks during the week of November 23. Motorists should note and follow the maximum time limits posted.

Participating City-Owned Lots

The free holiday parking also applies to the following **City-owned lots equipped with meters** on designated Saturdays and Plaid Friday:

- Grand Avenue Lot in the 3200 block of Grand Avenue
- LakePark lot under I-580 between Grand and Lakeshore avenues
- Piedmont Avenue Lot on Howe Street between 40th and 41st streets
- Parkway Lot on Wayne Avenue near Park Boulevard and E. 18th Street

Participating City-Owned Garages

The free holiday parking program will also offer free parking on the designated Saturdays and Plaid Friday at the following **City-owned garages**:

- Frank Mar Garage – 12th & Harrison streets
- Franklin Street Garage – 19th & Franklin streets
- Montclair Garage – 6235 LaSalle Avenue
- Clay Street Garage – 14th and Clay streets

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Shoppers should also note that, unlike some neighboring cities, parking at street meters in Oakland is free on Sundays.

The free parking encourages shoppers to get out and explore the plethora of local shopping options – including hundreds of locally owned, indie shops throughout Oakland’s 40 neighborhood shopping districts.

For additional information on the City’s free holiday parking program, please visit oaklandnet.com/parking. For more information on holiday shopping in Oakland, please visit oaklandgrown.org.

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