VALET PARKING

CITY COMMISSION
September 19, 2024

BACKGROUND

March 2024: Downtown parking plan modifications adopted by City Commission

 City Commission requested additional information on valet operations

July 2024: Valet options discussed by the General Policy Committee

 Referral to the Downtown Advisory Board for input

August 2024: Valet options presented to Downtown Advisory Board



CURRENT CONDITIONS

- Valet operation is not regulated
- Two operators at SE 1st St & SE 1st Ave
- Use of shared on-street 15-min spaces
 - Difficult to enforce
- Spaces are not designated for exclusive valet use
 - Reservation occurs
- Competing needs for use of row
 - Safety concerns



OPTIONS

OPTION 1: Status Quo

Pros: None

Cons: Difficult to enforce; recurring complaints related to excessive use of on-street spaces; undue use of public spaces for profit; requires additional funding for dedicated parking enforcement

OPTION 2: Solicit Bids

Pros: One operator at Citydesignated locations and times; clear regulatory environment / ease of enforcement; reduced utilization of on-street parking spaces; reduced conflicts related to use of curb space; enhanced safety

Cons: Current valet operations would cease; limited flexibility to accommodate specific business needs

OPTION 3: Issue Permits

Pros: Flexibility; dedicated on-street parking spaces for exclusive use of valet operator; clear regulatory environment / ease of enforcement; reduced utilization of on-street parking spaces; reduced conflicts related to use of curb space; enhanced safety

Cons: Multiple operators; potentially higher utilization of on-street parking spaces

RECOMMENDED OPTION: #3 Issue Permits

- Applicable citywide for valet operation within public rights-of-way
- Dedicated spaces for exclusive use of valet
- Require payment of a fee for the use of public spaces
- Clear application and review process
- Clear criteria for location approval
 - Maintain safe and efficient movement of all users;
 - Min. 200 ft separation from other valet operators
- Establish operational criteria
 - Ramping area (max. 3 spaces); no parking/storage on-street; identify storage area; clearly identify vehicles in valet's possession; insurance requirement
 - For hotels exempted from serving the general public, limit to max. 2 spaces
- Establish operator code of conduct
- Establish enforcement criteria

Downtown Advisory Board, exempting hotels from serving the general public

Recommended

option by the

FEE SCENARIOS

			\$0.50				\$1.00				\$1.50		
No. Spaces	Reservation	Cost	/ Space / Y	To	otal Cost / Y	Cos	t / Space / Y	To	otal Cost / Y	Cos	st / Space / Y	To	otal Cost / Y
2	24 hr/7 days	\$	4,380.00	\$	8,760.00	\$	8,760.00	\$	17,520.00	\$	13,140.00	\$	26,280.00
3	24 hr/7 days	\$	4,380.00	\$	13,140.00	\$	8,760.00	\$	26,280.00	\$	13,140.00	\$	39,420.00
	Evening Thu/Fri (4 pm - 3 am)	\$	572.00	\$	1,716.00	\$	1,144.00	\$	3,432.00	\$	1,716.00	\$	5,148.00
	Evening Wed/Thu/Fri (4 pm - 3 am)**	\$	858.00	\$	2,574.00	\$	1,716.00	\$	5,148.00	\$	2,574.00	\$	7,722.00
	Sat / Sun (24 hr)***	\$	1,248.00	\$	3,744.00	\$	2,496.00	\$	7,488.00	\$	3,744.00	\$	11,232.00

Notes:

^{*} Partial reservation 2 days per week (Thu/Fri), including setup and closing period

^{**} Partial reservation 3 days per week (Wed/Thu/Fri), including setup and closing period

⁽¹⁾ Other fees would apply including application fee, renewal fee, and signage production and installation fee of \$100/sign

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission:

(1) Adopt Option 3 and direct the City Attorney's Office to modify the proposed draft ordinance as needed and advertise it on first reading.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Valet issues can be reported through myGNV

https://gainesvillefl.citysourced.com -

Requests → Create a Request → Parking → Valet

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