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## **Motor Vehicle Parking Pass Buyout Program Policy**

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### **Summary:**

The Buyout Program is an alternative to students who do not want or need to buy a Portland Residential Parking Pass. By choosing a Buyout instead of Portland Residential Permit, students receive a number of benefits that are outlined below. The goal of this program is to reduce parking demand, traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Enrolling in the Buyout Program:**

#### **To apply:**

Between January- May:

- Students may apply for the Buyout program in their housing application with Residential Life.
- Buyouts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis since there are a limited amount.

Between June- December:

- Students may apply for the Buyout program with Parking Services.
- Buyouts may or may not be available at this time, but if available, they will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### **To fully enroll:**

- Parking Services or the Office of Sustainability will let students know if they have been selected for a Buyout during the summer.
- If selected for the Buyout, a student will be provided an enrollment form.
- Successful completion and processing of the enrollment form will begin participation in the program. The form will also serve as a ticket to the drawing for the prime bike parking spaces inside Portland Commons. All other Buyout participants will receive bike parking in the parking garage. See the bike policy for rules governing bike parking on campus.

#### **The Buyout package includes the following incentives:**

- A Gorham-only Parking Permit (good for day and night on the Gorham campus only).
- A bicycle parking space in the long-term covered, secured bike room in the parking garage, plus an entry into the drawing for a bicycle space in the bike room in Portland Commons.
- \$100 in incentives to a current offering of sustainable transportation services, such as Bikeshare or Amtrak (preferences will be selected via a survey). These incentives will remain usable until the expiration date affiliated with them, regardless of the holder's current student status.
- 10 "special circumstances" Portland-campus parking passes per year to help with transportation challenges that may come up throughout the year. Further details include:
  - Each pass will be good for 24 hours.
  - Passes are only valid in the parking garage
  - Passes are given out automatically to every buyout participant
  - The participant does not need to take any explicit action to utilize these passes, except park their vehicle on the Portland campus, where it will be identified by the parking management system, which will deduct the passes as they are used
  - After the passes are used up, the vehicle owner will begin receiving citations

**Duration:**

- Buyouts are for the whole academic year, from the start of the Fall semester through the end of the Spring semester.
- Summer parking privileges may or may not be included in the Buyout for any given year. Check with Parking Services to see what the status is for the current summer.

**Restrictions:**

- Buyout participants are not allowed to park in Portland, and will receive a citation except when using their 10 "Special Circumstances" passes.
- Buyout participants cannot purchase any other parking permit type for campus, including, but not limited to, a residential Gorham Permit, a Commuter Portland Permit, or a Faculty/Staff Permit.
- Buyout participants cannot apply for a Non-Driver Carpool Pass, because these passes are intended for commuters coming to the Portland campus from off campus.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a Portland-campus residential student.
- Must be enrolled in classes at University of Southern Maine or Maine Law and be housed in the Portland-campus residence hall for the current Fall or Spring Semester (Summer semester does not count).
- Must be fully paid on any previous or current University parking citations.
- Must not be a current holder of another parking permit type, or must have the other parking permit type removed.

**Cost to Participate:**

- There is no cost specifically for participation in the Buyout program.
- Students are still required to pay their normal transportation fee as part of their course enrollment.

**Cost to Unenroll:**

- If a student would like to unenroll from the Buyout program in order to purchase another parking pass type, such as a Portland residential parking pass, they will have to do the following:
  - Pay back \$100 for the incentives, regardless of whether or not they were used.
  - Pay a \$75 processing fee.
  - Apply for and be granted another parking permit type.
  - Pay for the actual premium parking pass that they receive, if applicable (e.g. \$500 for the Portland Residential Parking Pass).