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Portland Residential Parking Policy

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Summary:

The Portland Residential Parking Permit was created in the summer of 2023 to accommodate Portland Common's residential students who want to park on the Portland campus. This policy addresses the unique circumstances created by the University's new parking garage and first-ever Portland residence hall.

Privileges:

The Portland Residential Parking Permit allows the student to park:

- Day and/or night on the Portland campus in the residential parking garage (adjacent to Wishcamper & Glickman) free of additional charge, unless parked in an EV charging space.
- Day and/or night on the Gorham campus in dedicated residential student parking lots free of additional charge.
- Day-time only on the Lewiston campus (defined as until the building closes at night).

A Gorham Residential Permit allows the driver to park on the Portland campus for free during the day, within the parking garage. The permit also allows the driver to park on the Portland campus overnight, but only if the nightly parking fee is paid, applicable to the specific lot chosen. The permit allows the driver to park overnight on the Gorham campus in the applicable residential student lots.

Buyout participants may not park on the Portland campus. Buyout participants will be issued a citation, even if willing to pay, except when using their 10 Special Circumstances passes as outlined in the Buyout Policy.

All drivers parked in an EV charging space are subject to the EV Charging Policy and must pay applicable rates.

Cost:

- The cost of a Portland Residential Parking Permit is \$500, paid to Parking Services.
- The cost of this permit is in addition to the transportation component of the comprehensive fee that all students pay as part of their enrollment.

- Students participating in the Southern Maine Pathways Program have to pay \$610 to cover the basic transportation fee in addition to the Portland Residential premium.

Refunds & Partial Payments:

- University of Southern Maine students who cannot afford to pay the \$500 fee upfront may acquire their pass if 1) they pay \$250 upfront and 2) enter into a payment plan with Parking Services for the remainder that will result in full and final payment by the end of December.
- Students being placed in Portland Commons any time during the fall semester are required to pay the full \$500 if they want a Portland Residential Parking Permit.
- Students being placed in Portland Commons over winter break or starting in the spring semester, will only have to pay \$250 for the Portland Residential Parking Permit.
- Students who move out of Portland Commons for reasons other than violating University policy, and who have kept up with their payment plans for the permit, are eligible to receive a pro-rated refund, upon request. For the sake of calculating the pro-rated refund, the unit is months, the number of months in the academic year is considered nine, and the starting month is September. For example, a student who leaves in September could receive a refund for 8 of 9 months. A student who leaves in October could receive a refund for 7 of 9 months. However, refunds will not be issued for students who leave in January or later.
- Students who are removed from Portland Commons or removed from the University because of a violation of University Policy are not eligible for a refund.
- Students who have not paid any parking fees owed to the University are not eligible for a refund.
- Students who are not current on all outstanding payments for their parking permit payment plan are not eligible for a refund.
- The amount of the refund shall not be higher than the amount the student has paid toward the parking permit.

Alternative Options to the Portland Residential Parking Permit:

Portland Commons residents are prohibited from holding any other type of parking permit at the University, except a Staff/Faculty Permit (if allowed by their employee contract) and a Buyout Pass.

See the Buyout policy for how to enroll in that program, and learn about what privileges it includes.