June 1, 2021: Meter parking begins. Here are answers to common questions.

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**What areas will be metered?**

Streets in the commercial districts and municipal parking lots will have meter parking. Pay Stations have been installed on sidewalks and in the lots.

**How can I pay the meter fee?**

There are two ways to pay - use the Pay Stations or the Passport Parking App on your phone.

How to use the Pay Stations:

1. Press any key to start
2. Follow prompts
3. Make payment
4. Take receipt (No need to display)

Receipts DO NOT need to be placed in vehicle.

Here is video on How to Use Larchmont’s Pay Stations.

How to use the Passport Parking App:

Download the free Passport Parking App to your mobile device, create an account and you’re ready to go anytime. Just enter your zone number (found on signs near your parking space), select your vehicle’s license plate and pay for your time. The Passport Parking App gives alerts, allows the user to extend their session remotely up to the time limit in the zone and gives 10 free minutes to every parking session. It does charge a $0.30 transaction fee/session, unless you use the digital wallet feature. Here is a video on How to Set Up the Wallet Feature.

**What are the hours of operation and rates?**

Monday through Saturday from 8am to 6pm. The rate is $0.25 per 15 minutes.

**How long can you park?**

Always check the signage wherever you park. Generally speaking, you can park for 4 hours in municipal lots and for 2 hours on the street. There are some streets with 4 hour and 8 hour meter parking. Look at the maps on the Village website for details.

You may not add time beyond the limit for the zone in which you parked (“feed the meter”). You may not initiate a new session in the same parking zone until 15 minutes have passed since your last session ended.

**Can I park anywhere in the Village once I pay a meter?**

That depends on where you park. All time-limited meter parking areas in the Village are denoted by a 5-digit zone number found on nearby signs. The 2-hour on-street meter parking zone is a Village-wide zone, so you can start a 2-hour session on Palmer and then move to Boston Post to complete it. For all other meter parking zones, such as in municipal lots or 4– and 8-hour on-street, you will need to initiate a new session if you move. Look at the maps on the Village website for details.

**How will meter parking be enforced?**

Enforcement is by your license plate using a vehicle mounted or handheld license plate reader. The Pay Stations, Passport Parking App and parking permit system are linked and provide a seamless way to ensure that parkers have paid their fees and are respecting the time limits.

**Where can I get more information about Village parking?**

Visit the Village website www.villageoflarchmont.org anytime or call 834-6230 Mon-Fri 8:30am—4pm.
Why is the village going to time-limited meter parking on the streets and lots in its commercial districts?
The Village has always had time-limited parking. Generally speaking, the default is a four-hour limit throughout the Village, with a two-hour limit within the commercial districts and permits required for extended parking in lots. There are exceptions to this general scheme. Many different constituencies need adequate parking in our Village. Merchants need turnover in front of their stores, apartment residents need parking spots, etc. However, our parking regulations have been challenging to enforce, creating a situation where our parking resources have been difficult to manage. A time-limited, meter parking system is the best way to utilize our limited parking resources for all stakeholders. For more information, see The High Cost of Free Parking by Donald C. Shoup (goodreads.com).

What does this mean for business owners and their employees?
Business owners and their employees have always needed a permit to park for extended periods of time. The Village provides several Business Owner/Employee permit options. (Parking Permits « Village of Larchmont). The Village has provided the Chamber of Commerce with an informational sheet describing several options for business owners.

What does this mean to apartment residents?
Apartment residents who do not have access to private parking have always needed a permit so they may park for extended periods in Village parking lots. Those permits are either semi-annual or annual and allow for 24-hour or overnight parking (Parking Permits « Village of Larchmont).

How does this affect commuter parking?
Parking rules for commuters have not changed. Those wishing to use Metro North on a regular basis still need to obtain either a permit for Lot 1 or a permit for Lot 3 (Parking Permits « Village of Larchmont), OR they may choose to pay the meters along the Metro North platform in Lot 1. The good news is that commuters can use the convenience of the Passport App to pay meter fees while running for the train.

Will there be changes to how enforcement is done in the Village?
Because meter parking, like lot permit parking, is monitored through your license plate, all parking on streets and in lots can more easily be checked by our Parking Enforcement Officers using a vehicle mounted or handheld license plate reader. The Pay Stations, Passport App, and our permit issuance system are linked and provide a seamless way to ensure that parkers are respecting the time limits.

I live on a property adjacent to one of our commercial districts, what if parkers park in front of my house because its free?
The street in front for your home is public space. The default time limitation throughout the Village is four hours unless there is a sign that says otherwise. We understand that the new meter parking may cause overflow into surrounding streets. Enforcement of time limits on those streets will be critical. Please note that the Village cannot restrict parking to residents only on a public street unless special permission is granted by the NYS legislature for compelling reasons.

How will the new revenue from meter parking be used?
The new revenue from meter parking will be directed to a newly created Transportation and Mobility Special Revenue Fund. The Village Board of Trustees passed a resolution requiring that at least 90% of the net revenue be used for improvements of roads, sidewalks, parking lots, and other mobility-related infrastructure. Revenue from enforcement of all traffic rules does not go into this fund and remains, as before, in the Village’s General Fund.