

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2022-1012

TITLE: Resolution Endorsing System to Track Parking in Reitz Union Welcome Center Parking Garage

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WHEREAS, there are 271 parking spots in the Reitz Union Welcome Center Parking Garage that are delegated to 71 full-time employees, 57,841 students, as well as visitors to the University of Florida [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Reitz Union provides important services on campus such as: a food court, bookstore, game room, barber shop, hotel, ballrooms, auditorium, and conference rooms [2]; and,

WHEREAS, students go to the Reitz Union Welcome Center Parking Garage in hopes of finding an available parking space, only to be met with a full parking lot which results in possibly missing classes or meetings [3]; and,

WHEREAS, research shows that, on average, the University of Florida parking permit oversell rate is 1.4 permits per 1 parking spot, which is significantly more than peer universities and contributes to difficulty finding parking spaces on campus [4]; and,

WHEREAS, a system has previously been attempted and other buildings such as commuter lots and parking garages on campus have systems in place to make the available parking spaces known to students [5][6]; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need for an electronic tracker to ensure up-to-date information pertaining to the amount of parking spaces available at the Reitz Union Welcome Center Parking Garage; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate acknowledges the need for students to view the amount of parking spaces available in the Reitz Union Welcome Center Parking Garage, prior to when they leave their home; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that these additions will be beneficial to the student body, staff, and visitors

that utilize the Reitz Union Welcome Center Parking Garage and reduce time spent searching for parking.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs, Senior Director of Transportation and Parking Services Scott Fox, Senior Director of the Reitz Union Dwayne Issacs, Provost Joseph Glover, Reitz Union Operations Manager John Duncan.

- [1] <https://taps.ufl.edu/visitors/welcome-center-parking-garage/>
- [2] https://union.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/220325_Level_Maps.pdf
- [3] <https://haveuheard.com/posts-uf/parking/>
- [4] <https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/38/2018-2019/SmartParkingProposalLiliDuScottWashburn.pdf>
- [5] <https://goo.gl/maps/35hKK2oBiadyFaP48>
- [6] <https://facilities.ufl.edu/garage-14-or-xiv-2/>