

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY PHYSICAL PLANT

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FACILITIES & GROUNDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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Memorandum

To: Steve Summers, Chair of the County Facilities Committee; Stan Harper, Vice Chair; and members of the Facilities Committee – Jim Goss; Jenny Lokshin; Emily Rodriguez; Leah Taylor; Bethany Vanichtheeranont; Jodi Wolken

CC: Darlene Kloeppe, County Executive; Tami Ogden; William Colbrook

Date: 1/04/2022

RE: Changing the County Courthouse Parking Lot from 50% Public Pay Lot to All Staff Lot

Proposal

To change the existing Champaign County Courthouse parking lot from a staff and public pay lot to an all-staff parking lot.

Current Situation

There are a total 110 total spaces in the Courthouse parking lot (53 spaces allocated to staff; 52 spaces allocated to public pay; and 5 handicap spaces). The County rents 60 parking spaces from Nieman Foods (formerly the Save-A-Lot grocery and liquor store parking lot located just north of the Urban Civic Center) for \$18,720.00 per year for Courthouse staff to utilize. There is a 60-day notice of intent to terminate this agreement with Nieman Foods. Additionally, the County owns approximately 20 parking spaces east of the former Illini Oil Change (located at the corner of Main Street and Vine).

The County has a long-standing agreement with the City of Urbana for the rights of use to our Courthouse parking lot. There is a 60-day notice of intent to terminate this agreement with the city (contract emailed to Facility Committee Members).

The County recognizes annual revenue from the 52-public spaces. Prior to Covid, the annual revenue was approximately \$25,000.00 per year. FY2019 = \$28,659; FY2020 = \$16,114; and FY2021 = \$12,522 – credit card charges are still outstanding.

Basis for Change

Several our Courthouse staff members work early and/or late hours to fulfill their job obligations. This is especially difficult on those employees who are not able to park in the Courthouse lot and must walk to the Save-A-Lot parking lot after dark. Employees have been complaining about this fact in recent years.

Conversely, the public always walks to and from the Courthouse during normal day light hours. Requiring the public to park in City of Urbana street meters nearby, Civic Center meters or the covered parking garage will have little impact as the parking rates are the same as our Courthouse rates.

The revenue income lost can be offset by not having to pay Neiman Foods for parking space rental.