**Washington State Department of Enterprise Services seeks stakeholder input regarding rules for parking on the Capitol Campus**

We are contacting you because we consider you a key stakeholder for the Capitol Campus parking rules.

In July 2015, the Legislature directed the Department of Enterprise Services to complete an implementation plan to meet a set of recommendations from the 2014 Transportation and Parking Study, through the proviso outlined in [2EHB 1115](http://app.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2015-16/Htm/Bills/House%20Passed%20Legislature/1115.PL.htm). Components of the [plan](https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/TravelCarsParking/CapCampusParkingStrategyImplemPlan-Nov2015.pdf?=dca9b) include putting in place a clear policy on reserved stalls, increasing visitor parking, shifting reserved parking to general use zoned parking, and establishing compliance tools.

Enterprise Services recently updated the Capitol Campus parking policy in support of the plan. This policy addresses the components listed above. However, the DES parking rules under [200-200 WAC](http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=200-200) are not in line with the policy and current practices, as well as being overly prescriptive. These shortcomings have the potential to present challenges to fully implementing the parking plan as well as related policy. The parking policy is located on the [DES website](https://des.wa.gov/services/travel-cars-parking/parking/policies-other-requirements).

* Enterprise Services intends to start work aligning the current parking rules with policy and practice. Areas we are focusing on include:
  + Simplify and plain talk the rule
  + Address due process requirements
  + Remove duplicative and redundant sections
  + Make sure that the rule presents no barriers to enforcement regardless of who enforces

**Rulemaking steps**

CR 101: **DES has filed a notice** with the state Office of the Code Reviser that the agency intends to engage in this rulemaking effort. This first step, the CR -101: Preproposal Statement of Inquiry indicates work is starting and we will be working with anyone interested in helping update the rules.

CR-102: Proposed Rule Making marks the formal beginning of rulemaking. The resulting updated rules are filed with the Office of the Code Reviser and shared with anyone that expressed an interest or who we believe may be interested. This time is an opportunity for people to formally comment on the rules. DES will hold a formal public hearing for those that want to provide oral comment and will take written comments through its website.

**Upcoming stakeholder outreach**

Enterprise Services will be reaching out to have discussions with interested stakeholders beginning in mid-June 2019. During these discussions, Enterprise Services and stakeholders will collaborate and jointly develop rules. If you are interested in participating, please email [desmiparkingrules@des.wa.gov](mailto:desmiparkingrules@des.wa.gov) by Friday, May 31. We will send an email invitation out shortly after that date.

Enterprise Services anticipates these discussions will result in a mutual understanding of needs so that the resulting rules are clear, accurate, and balanced. Soon after this outreach effort, Enterprise Services will share a near final rule draft before filing the proposed rules with the [Office of the Code Reviser](http://leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Pages/default.aspx).

The formal public comment period starts once the proposed rules are filed.

* More information is available on the Enterprise Services [rulemaking web page](http://des.wa.gov/about/LawsRules/Pages/Rulemaking.aspx).
* If you have questions specific to existing parking rules, please contact [Judy](mailto:Shannon.stuber@des.wa.gov) Lorenzo, (360) 725-0038.
* If you have questions about the rulemaking process, please contact [Jack Zeigler](mailto:jack.zeigler@des.wa.gov), (360) 407-9209.