



DOWNTOWN PARKING

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In a plan to help boost holiday shopping in the downtown area, the Clarksville Parking Authority plans to experiment with free, two-hour parking at metered spaces between Nov. 25 and Dec. 31. Parking Authority Chairman Lane Lyle said the experiment will be conducted along Franklin Street only, from Public Square to Third Street.

Lyle urges downtown merchants and employees not to abuse the experiment by "space-jumping," or moving their own vehicles from one free, streetside parking space to another. Lyle said the Parking Authority stands to lose up to 30 percent of its yearly profit from the experiment, but hopes downtown retail spending during the holidays can be bolstered by it.

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Franklin Street store patrons walk up the sidewalk Tuesday afternoon. The Downtown District Partnership says significant headway is being made toward the goal of attracting more people downtown to live, as well as work and play.

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