

Update on Automated Parking

The new automated parking system has only been installed in some campus parking lots. So, as a retiree parker you'll find you need your traditional "hang tag" to park in some lots, and your new "transponder" to park in others. (When you received your new hang tag for on-campus parking this summer, you should also have received a transponder to attach to your car's front window for use with the automated system.)

All parking areas on the west side of Cootes Drive, as well as the lot south of the Engineering Building on the main campus (formerly Lot 3X, now lot I) have the automated gates. To get free retiree parking in these lots, you must have a transponder. Your "R" or "RR" hang tags will not work. The automated lots have been programmed to stay on "summer hours" until further notice, so retirees with transponders will get free parking in these lots even before 12:30 pm on weekdays. Please be aware, however, that once all campus lots have been automated and you have been notified, retirees with the "RR" parking designation will again be required to pay for parking for the hours before 12:30 pm from September to April in all lots on the main campus (east of Cootes Drive). The method of payment is still being worked out.

Parking areas accessible via Sterling Street are not yet automated. They are still working with hang tags. Attendants are at the kiosks, and "winter hours" are in effect. "RR" parkers must pay for hours prior to 12:30 pm upon entry. Automated gates will be installed on these lots one by one, starting in mid-October.

For further information, please contact the Parking Office at parking@mcmaster.ca, or by calling (905) 525-9140, Extension 24232.