



## **Conversion from Assigned to Unassigned Parking in Deck 77**

### **Background:**

As you may know, demand for state employee parking spaces south of Jones Street is high, while space in that location is very limited. Deck 77 or “GreenSquare” is a 1312 numbered space parking facility located at the corner of McDowell and Edenton streets. As of December 2014, all 1202 employee reserved spaces have been assigned.

### **What is happening:**

As an alternative to building a new parking structure, the facility can be converted from an employee reserved system (with visitor parking) to a combined reserved and non-reserved employee and visitor system. The implementation of this new system will allow for more efficient space utilization.

### **Why this is happening:**

The changes to Deck 77 will allow the Department of Administration to offer closer, more convenient parking for employees in the parking facility of their choice. We anticipate being able to accommodate 100 additional employee parkers initially and up to 150 or more as the program matures. In addition to employee parking, we can more efficiently allocate visitor parking spaces based on daily traffic in the deck. Increasing the efficient use of the deck will help to reduce the amount of rate increases needed to continue our current level of service.

### **When this is happening:**

We plan to have the changes fully implemented by Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

### **How this affects you:**

Since the existing visitor area is being eliminated, employees are free to park anywhere in the facility that is not a reserved space. This will eliminate their transponders (hangtag permits) from being deactivated for parking in the visitors area.

Since a majority of the facility is becoming an unreserved zone, many employees will no longer be at risk of being displaced due to another employee parking in their reserved space. This saves time and resources as employees will no longer have to find temporary alternative parking while their space is being cleared.

### **What to do if you can't find a space:**

For a number of years, the State Parking Division has managed unreserved parking systems in Downtown Complex parking facilities. During this time, there has never been a confirmed case of an employee being displaced because they were unable to find an available space in their assigned facility. However, in the unlikely event that this happens to you, please contact the State Parking Division immediately and we will direct you to the nearest available parking area and investigate the situation.

### **Questions:**

Give us a call anytime at 919-807-4499 or email [parking@doa.nc.gov](mailto:parking@doa.nc.gov).