

Short Term Rates Increase

TAMPA, FL (June 2, 2005) – Tampa International Airport is advising the community that the rates in Short Term and Valet parking are increasing. Effective Monday, June 6, 2005, Short Term parking will increase from \$14.00 per day to \$18.00 per day and Valet will increase from \$20.00 per day to \$24.00 per day.

A parking capacity shortage in the current public parking facilities has reached a critical point and customer service has been adversely affected. Weekly, both the Short and Long Term parking garages have been operating over capacity from Tuesday through Friday making it very difficult for customers to find parking.

When the Long Term parking garage fills to capacity and closes, customers have a choice of using the Short Term parking garage or the Economy parking lot. Unfortunately, too many are choosing Short Term, which fills the garage with overnight cars, creating a shortage of space for those who need parking for only a few hours.

Because the Short Term garage is intended for meeters and greeters picking up passengers and short term airport users, the daily rates are increasing to encourage overnight customers to use other facilities.

The Airport closes the parking garages when they fill to prevent passengers wasting time driving around looking for a nonexistent space. Parking rates are established based on the convenience level of the facility. Parking will always be available but it may not be in the specific facility or at the rate desired.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Valet	\$20	\$24
Short Term Garage	\$14	\$18
Long Term Garage	\$10	\$10 (no change)
Economy Lot	\$7/day \$42/weekly	\$7/day \$42/weekly (no change)

Customers, who are not familiar with the parking options or locations at the Airport, are encouraged to visit our website at www.tampaairport.com for more information and maps.

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