

Police and Court Facility Parking

Secured Parking –

1. The police department currently utilizes about 45 spaces for fleet parking. This includes patrol cars, code enforcement vehicles, old patrol vehicles utilized for emergency driving training, an evidence van, training trailers, and staff cars. This does not include detective vehicles, which are take-home vehicles for detectives. Some of the fleet vehicles will be out on patrol during the course of a normal shift, but those vehicles will park during duty hours when officers are writing police reports or doing other business in the building.
2. On a normal workday, there are about 30 city employees working for police, code enforcement, and the municipal court. All employees will park in secure parking in the new facility. Because of the types of public interaction that police and court employees have on a daily basis, they feel much safer parking and accessing the building from the secure lot. Before police fenced the parking lot, police had individuals videotaping and documenting employee license plates. Police also experienced vandalism to fleet vehicles prior to fencing the parking lot.
3. There are approximately 16 extra spaces to accommodate future growth of the police department.

Public Parking –

1. The municipal court requires the largest number of parking spaces. Tuesdays are the heaviest court days and have a regular number of visitors that total 75-100 people at once. This generally lasts for 2-3 hours in the mornings. Wednesdays are criminal arraignments and the number of visitors average 25-30. Thursdays are trials and there are generally around one dozen visitors.

The current police and court building parking lot has about 50 parking spaces. The lot is usually completely full on Tuesdays during court. Visitors park in the commercial Danielson's lot next door to the building.

2. During those court hours, code enforcement and police have people visiting to do regular business. At any given time during the day, it is common to have 1-4 people in the front lobby waiting to get help from code or police.
3. The public parking lot will also accommodate the Oregon City Planning Department building. With the addition of the roundabout in front of that building, planning will lose 17 parking spaces. That loss will be made up utilizing parking in the public parking lot of the police and court building. The planning building has 6,850 square feet of office space that is visited by customers.
4. The City Commission and Planning Commission meetings will be held at the new police and court facility. The current City Hall parking lot holds 40 vehicles. During the majority of commission meetings, the lot is at or near capacity.

5. The community has made clear that priority be given to maintain the greenspace that now includes a baseball field at the new site. The parking lot will serve members of the parking lot that come to the site to utilize that space during the daytime and evening hours.