



Downtown Investment Authority

January 27, 2020

The Honorable Charlie Cofer
Public Defender, Fourth Judicial Circuit
407 North Laura Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

RE: Duval Street (Library) Parking Garage and Off-Street Parking Rate Change(s)

Dear Public Defender Cofer:

This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversations about the Duval Street (Library) Parking Garage and the use of the garage by the Public Defender's Office and employees thereof.

At their meeting last week, the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) Board of Directors approved modifications to the off-street parking rate schedule previously adopted by the Board last September. The schedule approved in September became effective November 1. Absent any action to the contrary by the Jacksonville City Council, the off-street parking rate schedule will be applicable to the Public Defender's Office (and its employees) in the following manner:

Reserved Parking in the Duval Street (Library) Garage

At present, five (5) employees of the Public Defender's Office are enjoying reserved parking privileges despite any existing reserved monthly parking rate. Effective March 1, a reserved monthly parking rate shall take effect at the rate of \$120.00 per month, plus sales tax. If any of the five employees would like to park in a reserved space after March 1, they will need to advise the Office of Public Parking of their desire to do so by no later than February 25. Otherwise, their current rate will revert to the prevailing monthly parking rate of \$80.00 plus sales tax, and any existing reserved parking signage will be removed.

Free Parking in the Duval Street (Library) Garage

At present, thirteen (13) access cards have been provided for use by Public Defender pool vehicles, none of which are or have been paying for parking. Effective March 1, those access cards will be deactivated unless converted (by February 25) to the prevailing monthly parking rate of \$80.00 plus sales tax if applicable, (the same rate being paid by city departments for city vehicles parked in this garage).

Vehicles Paying Rates Other Than Established Rates at the Duval Street (Library) Garage

At present, approximately fifty-five (55) employees of the Public Defender's Office are paying a monthly rate of only \$68.48 and two (2) vehicles paid for by the State are paying a monthly rate of only \$64.00. Neither rate appears on any off-street parking rate schedule approved by the DIA

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Board. Therefore, effective March 1, all Public Defender employees paying rates other than an established rate will be assigned the prevailing monthly parking rate of \$80.00 plus sales tax.

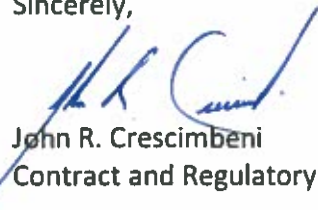
Rooftop Rate Parking at the Duval Street (Library) Garage

At present, approximately twenty-five (25) employees of the Public Defender's Office are using the (no longer available to new customers) discounted rooftop parking rate but are only paying \$40.00 per month plus sales tax. While the DIA and Office of Public Parking will continue to honor the rooftop parking rate option, effective March 1, the current rooftop parking rate of \$50.00 per month plus sales tax will be applicable to Public Defender's Office employees. Please note, however, that as the name implies, the rooftop parking rate is for parking on the roof of the garage only. Going forward, the Office of Public Parking intends to enforce the requirement of parking on the roof. Any vehicle using the rooftop rate found parked in a space other than a rooftop space will be immediately converted to the prevailing monthly parking rate of \$80.00 plus sales tax. Furthermore, while rooftop rate parkers always have the option to convert to another established parking rate, doing so would not allow them to return to the (no longer available) rooftop parking rate at any point in the future.

At their meeting last week, the DIA Board of Directors also voted (7-2) to support of an administrative or legislative process to provide the Public Defender's Office (and employees thereof) a fifty percent (50%) discount from all rates on the off-street parking rate schedule - for the last seven (7) months of the current fiscal year. However, please note that the adoption of a 50% discount from all rates would conflict with legislation approved by the City Council (2020-568) that provides a 50% discount to City of Jacksonville employees for monthly parking only, but offers no discount for reserved monthly parking, no discount for rooftop rate monthly parking and no discount to city departments or other State of Florida agencies for their parking of pool vehicles in city garages.

Again, absent any action by the Jacksonville City Council, the off-street parking rate schedule approved by the DIA Board at last week's meeting will be applicable to the Public Defender's Office and its employees beginning March 1. If you should have any questions about any of the information above, please contact me accordingly at 255-5306.

Sincerely,



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