

Subject: Re: Master Meters in Garages
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Bill,

I would not recommend Pay and Display in a parking garage. The biggest issue is head-in parking which makes verifying window receipts very difficult. Pay by Space would be much simpler to work with since you normally have walls where space numbers can be installed. If you use car stops between aisles, you can install posts between the car stops where space numbers can be installed. With most spaces probably under cover, weather issues should not affect space markings as much as outdoor installations. Enforcement is also easier since most systems push the unpaid space information to almost any electronic citation system.

You may also want to consider Pay by Plate technology. It would simplify enforcement as it could be done quickly using a mobile LPR system. If you don't want to make people have to remember their plate number, there are good systems available that can read the plate on entry and attach it to the ticket. The system can then feed the paid time amounts and plate numbers to the mobile LPR system for enforcement.

Sincerely,
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