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**Lexington Parking Authority Announces Parking Validation Change**

The Lexington Parking Authority announced today that they will be implementing a change in the current Validation Program for visitors to any LFUCG Department or Division. All visitors to LFUCG Departments and Divisions in the Government Center, Phoenix Building and Police Headquarters are eligible to receive a visitor's stamp that will provide a 50% discount when exiting the Garages.

Currently, visitors receive a validation stamp that allows them to exit FREE of charge. In order for the Parking Authority to finance the much needed repairs and upgrades to each of the 4 city garages, this type of change must be implemented. As such, it was outlined in the transfer agreement with the city, approved by council on April 26, 2012.

Currently many visitors to these departments and divisions utilize the Annex Garage which is under renovation with limited parking and will be temporarily closed from November to late spring. The other garages affected by this change are:

- Transit Center Garage, entrance at 170 East Vine St. and 129-201 East High Street.
- Courthouse Garage, entrance at 105 Barr Street.
- Victorian Square Garage, entrance at 350 West Short Street.

"The Parking Authority has been examining the revenues and expenses of the four city garages and we realized for example, that there are over One-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) each year of FREE validations in the Annex Garage alone", said Parking Authority Executive Director Gary Means. "While we realize any type of increase to the citizen is difficult, we have to pay for the needed upgrades. We feel the 50% off approach is a very fair way to do this."

The goal of the Parking Authority, which was created by the Urban County Council in 2006, is to provide, maintain and operate adequate, high-quality, customer-focused public parking and encourage economic growth.