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The Parking Relief Act

Whereas, the University of Houston is overwhelmingly a commuter campus;

Whereas, the University of Houston releases parking rate changes one-year in advance¹;

Whereas, the University of Houston Parking and Transportation Department proposed increases in rates as high as 28% from the 2017/2018 to 2018/2019 school years to cover all expenses associated with operation of services;

Whereas, the University of Houston raised rates for Student Parking permits this past year (2017/2018): 10% for annual garage, 7% for University Lofts residents, 7% for student-lot, 6% for remote-lot, 7% for annual disability lot, 5% for evening/weekend, and 15% for motorcycle passes;

Whereas, the lack of caps on rate increases makes parking pass prices detrimentally volatile;

Whereas, volatility in pricing is bad for predictability in terms of student finances and revenue streams for the Parking and Transportation Department;

Whereas, caps in parking pass rate increases help students afford parking passes, through expanded ability to plan for costs and lower volatility in price increases;

Whereas, an extended rate schedule for parking passes allows the Parking and Transportation department to make better, more long-term, decisions for future parking expansions.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That the Parking and Transportation Department at the University of Houston adhere to the following guidelines:

- (1) Increases in all parking pass rates are capped at 8% annually; and
- (2) Release a rolling 3-5-year schedule for parking permit prices.

Be it further enacted, that this rate schedule be re-released each Fall semester to ensure all students are aware of the upcoming future rates;

Be it further enacted, that this rate schedule be formulated in consultation with the relevant Auxiliary Services administrators and the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee;

Be it further enacted, that the Parking and Transportation Department be allowed to request emergency increases above 8%;

Be it further enacted, that any emergency increase must be announced to the public before the new parking rate report is released;

Be it further enacted, that any emergency increase request be approved by a 3/4 vote of the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee.



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APPROVED



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Speaker of Senate

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