July 21, 2011

To the Citizens of Poulsbo,

We are changing the parking enforcement in Anderson Parkway, which is the parking lot located next to Muriel Iverson Williams Waterfront Park.

Presently, we are enforcing a “no overnight parking” policy with all vehicles ticketed that are left in the parking lot between 4:00 and 6:00 AM. This policy has been in effect for one year.

As of July 29, 2011 we will be enforcing the “no overnight parking” at 9:00 AM instead of 6:00 A.M. The lot will be patrolled at 4:00 AM and then patrolled again at 9:00 AM. Those vehicles that have not moved from 4:00 AM to 9:00 AM will be ticketed.

This change in policy will allow additional early morning hours to be used to remove cars that have been left in the lot overnight. If a vehicle has been left in the lot overnight, it must be removed the following day by 9:00 AM in order to avoid a parking violation.

Parking enforcement began in Anderson parkway when the City discovered abandoned vehicles in the Parkway. Some vehicles did not move for more than several days. As we began to carefully monitor the situation, it was discovered one vehicle had been abandoned for more than 6 weeks. This car was towed from the lot. After careful consideration, it was decided that parking enforcement must occur during the overnight hours to ensure vehicles were not being abandoned or parked for excessive periods.

The City Council of Poulsbo is working to change and update the parking policies in downtown Poulsbo. We also look forward to the Port of Poulsbo completing their parking lot on Jensen which will be available for long term port parking.

Respectfully,

Becky Erickson
Mayor