

Capitol Complex State Employee Parking – FAQ

Please read TXDPS Parking Rules (Daytime State Employee Parking) for information on parking assignments and condensed parking rules.

1. I have a DPS parking permit, does this allow me to park in any parking location?

A Capitol Complex parking permit decal issued by the Department of Public Safety is either an Open parking permit (or approved badge access)* which allows a vehicle to park in any Open parking facility, while a building specific parking permit provides parking in a designated Reserved parking facility. Please note that the agency issued or location specific parking permits from outside the Capitol Complex are not valid for parking within the Capitol Complex. Open parking allows employees to park in any parking space except where there is a yellow, red, or blue curb stop or where parking is prohibited by a sign.

* Parking permit decals are required in Garages T and W along with badge/Rfid access.

2. Do I have to park in a specific parking facility?

No. State employees with an Open parking permit may park in any open parking spaces within a garage or lot located close to your work location. Employees may park in different facilities from day to day as some Open lots fill up early in the morning and may not be available for those arriving later in day, thus parking in a garage may be the only option. Likewise, you may move your vehicle to another parking facility to attend a meeting in a building that is not your normal work location.

3. What if the parking garage I want to park in is full?

If the parking facility that you want to park in is full, then you should consult the Capitol Complex Parking Map for alternative Open parking lots and garages. State employees have many options for parking, and although a facility may be full next to your work location, employees may go to the next closest Open facility and check there for available parking. State parking lots have limited capacity and fill up early in the morning, thus parking in a garage may be the only option for those arriving later in the morning/day. Likewise, some garages are used by multiple agencies and buildings, so these parking facilities tend to fill up quicker than others. Open parking is available as first-come, first-served, and parking may not always be available in the parking facility closest to your work location.

4. Does the State of Texas have enough parking for me to park for work?

Yes. There are more parking spaces in the Capitol Complex than FTEs assigned to the campus buildings.

5. What do I do if I need to drive a different (loaner/rental) vehicle to work today?

Please call DPS Parking Administration at 512-463-3476 for a daily exception. DPS manages the parking permit enforcement in the Capitol Complex.

6. Which agency manages State parking in the Capitol Complex?

DPS manages the parking permit enforcement, security, and Reserved parking assignments.

TFC manages the parking facilities' maintenance and afterhours parking program for TFC properties.

SPB manages the metered parking in the Capitol Complex and maintenance and parking program for SPB properties including the Capitol Building and grounds, Capitol Visitors Parking Garage, and Lot 14.

A few additional agencies have their own properties and garages within the Capitol Complex that they operate and maintain.

7. Is more parking coming soon?

Yes. Phase 2 buildings will have onsite parking for tenants assigned to the new buildings. This will increase parking inventory. (Many of these buildings' FTEs are already working and parking within the Capitol Complex, and when they move to a new building, they will vacate current parking spaces.)

8. How does TFC know it has enough parking spaces?

There are more parking spaces in the Capitol Complex than FTEs assigned to the campus buildings. TFC bases tenant assignments on tenant agency space requests via the TFC portal, and tenant responses to the biannual space survey. Changes to an agency business model or space footprint should be communicated promptly to TFC to assist with accommodating business requirements

9. I am a State employee not located in the Capitol Complex, where can I park?

State employees from outside the Capitol Complex can park in Garage A, B or E, then call the DPS Parking Administration at 512-463-3476 to provide vehicle information for parking exceptions.