

## DOWNTOWN PARKING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Why is it always hard to park downtown?

A: That's a common misconception. Downtown Newnan has more than 850 free public parking spaces, including surface level parking lots, on-street parking spaces and peripheral parking spaces. While you may not always be able to park directly in front of your destination, you should almost always be able to find parking within a short walk. Everyone needs a little more exercise in their life, right?

How many free on-street public parking spaces are located in downtown?

A: There are currently 586 free on-street parking spaces.

How many free off-street (parking lot) public parking spaces are located in downtown?

A: There are currently 268 free off-street (parking lot) public parking spaces.

Are bicycle racks available downtown?

A: Yes, currently there are several bicycle racks located adjacent to the Carnegie Library (1 LaGrange Street) and Fabiano's Pizzeria (19 West Court Square).

Are there loading zones, handicap spaces and high-turnover (15 minute) spaces available downtown?

A: Yes, there are handicap spaces, loading zones and high-turnover (15 minute) spaces available on nearly every block face in the downtown district. Please notice specific signage.

How does the City of Newnan communicate the availability and location of off-street parking facilities to visitors?

A: Through the Main Street program, the City of Newnan has created and shared electronic and hard-copy maps showing numerous off-street parking facilities. ([www.mainstreetnewnan.com](http://www.mainstreetnewnan.com))

Are there private/restricted parking lots in the downtown?

A: Yes, there are several private individuals and/or organizations that own and manage private parking lots. Please take notice of posted signage when deciding where to park.

What is the cost to construct a public parking deck?

A: According to Carl Walker, Inc., an industry leader in parking management programming, the median parking structure construction costs for a parking deck in the Atlanta market is \$15,783 per parking space; \$47.29 per square foot. (source: <http://www.carlwalker.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/April-Newsletter-2014.pdf>)

How can I learn more about programs, events and projects occurring in downtown Newnan?

A: Contact the City of Newnan Business Development Department and Main Street program at (770) 253-8283



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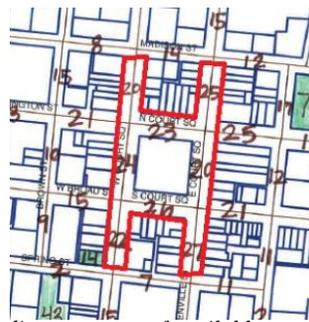
The City of Newnan’s Business Development Department, through the Main Street program, recently administered a “downtown parking opinion” survey directed at downtown stakeholders (business and property owners, employees and customers). The questionnaire was administered between Friday, July 31, 2015 and Friday, August 7, 2015.

## Objective

The survey objective was to receive opinions related to four (4) potential parking enforcement programs that are being considered by the City of Newnan:

1. No parking restriction enforced within the downtown district
2. Enforce a pay-to-park program for on-street public spaces within specified district\*
3. Enforce a 2 hour time limit restriction for on-street public spaces within specified district\*
4. Enforce a program that disallows downtown business owners and employees from parking within a specified district\*

*\*specified district map*



*Numbers indicate amount of available spaces per block*

## Methodology

Survey methods include a web-based questionnaire shared via email, social media and website. The survey asked respondents to rank in order of preference, their favored parking enforcement program.

## Results

The City of Newnan received 182 total responses. 65 respondents or 36% of the total identified themselves as downtown business owners.

Figure 1 details the preferred parking enforcement program by all respondents.

**Figure 1**

