



## As new airport nears second year of operation, discounts for disabled drivers to end July 1

INDIANAPOLIS—Effective July 1, 2010, drivers of vehicles displaying license plates and placards for the disabled will no longer be entitled to discounted parking at Indianapolis International Airport (IND). Regular rates will be in effect.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA) established the discount for the old High School Road facility which didn't offer as many parking spaces and amenities for those with physical disabilities. Because of the inconvenience, disabled drivers using the old airport were charged the least expensive parking rate which, at the time it closed in November of 2008, was \$7.

When the new airport off I-70 opened, the discount for disabled patrons was continued as a courtesy. The rate charged is \$9 per day, which is the least expensive daily parking option. In 2009, disabled drivers received more than \$280,000 in discounts.

Now that IND is approaching its second year of operation in the new location, combined with the fact that it is much more accessible and convenient for disabled drivers, the discount will be phased out.

"When we moved to the new airport, all shuttles that were not wheelchair accessible were removed from our fleet and were replaced with new buses that are ADA compliant. In addition, the number of spaces for disabled drivers is greatly expanded. We have ample numbers of marked spaces available in the garage and both surface parking lots," explained Mark Currier, IAA's parking director.

How many spaces are available for disabled drivers of vehicles displaying disabled license plates and placards at IND?

- **PARKING GARAGE: The garage has 104 marked spaces** for disabled drivers located on both the red and green sides of the garage. There are a total of 26 spaces on each level. The spaces surround the central atrium or open area in the center of the garage nearest the moving walkways, elevators, and escalators leading to the Pedestrian Bridge and the terminal.
- **ECONOMY LOT: This surface lot has 104 marked spaces** adjacent to Shelters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8. There are 12 spaces per shelter. Each shuttle transporting passengers to and from the terminal is wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant.

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- **LONG-TERM LOT: This surface lot has 70 marked spaces** adjacent to Shelters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. There are 12 spaces per shelter. Each shuttle transporting passengers to and from the terminal is wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant

On and after July 1, disabled drivers will pay regular parking rates at IND, which are:

- Economy Lot                      \$9/day
- Long-Term Lot                    \$12/day
- Parking Garage                 \$2 for 30 minutes or \$18/day
- Valet Parking                    \$10 minimum for four (4) hours or less or \$20/day

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