Downtown New Bedford to get new parking meters, raise parking rates

The City of New Bedford Traffic Commission has contracted with a private vendor to replace old, outdated public parking meters in the downtown with new, modern meters. This work will commence on Thursday, September 11, 2014.



The new meters will continue to accept quarters, but will also allow for the convenience of credit card payment. To offset the cost of the new meters and the additional costs associated with credit card processing, and to enable the City to continue to make investments in the downtown's parking and transportation infrastructure, the Traffic Commission has instituted a modest rate increase. Customers will now pay 25 cents for 20 minutes of parking at a metered space. The current rate is 25 cents for 30 minutes.