

**LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL  
(Municipal District of Longford)**

**ST. MEL'S ROAD CAR PARK BYE-LAWS 2015**

**PART 1 – PRELIMINARY**

**Longford County Council** (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act, 1968 and by Section 49 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.

**SHORT TITLE**

1. These Bye-Laws shall be known as “**St Mel’s Road Car Park Bye-Laws 2015**”

**AREA OF APPLICATION**

2. These Bye-Laws apply to the car park at St Mel’s Road, Longford.

3. In these Bye-Laws:

“**Specific Agents**” means a person authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of these Bye-Laws.

“**Business Hours**” means 08:30 to 18:30 Monday to Saturday inclusive, or as indicated on an information plate where provided.

“**Car Park**” means a place (not being part of a public road) for the parking of mechanically propelled vehicles provided by the Council.

“ **Council**” means Longford County Council

“**Director of Services**” means the Director of Services responsible for the Longford Municipal District.

“**Disabled Persons Parking Bay**” means a space in a car park intended for the parking of a vehicle the driver of which or a passenger in which is disabled and so indicated by ground or other marking or signs.

“**Disabled Persons Parking Permit**” means a Parking Permit for a Person with a Disability issued under Article 43 of the Regulations of 1977.

**“Disabled Persons Permit”** means a valid permit issued under Article 43 of the Regulations of 1997.

**“Fixed Charge Notice”** means a notice issued under Section 12 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 2002 for breach of Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 182 of 1997) and any breach of the **St. Mel’s Road Car Park Bye Laws 2015**.

**“Holiday”** means Good Friday or any other day that is a Public Holiday for the purpose of the Holiday (Employers) Act 1973 (Number 25 of 1973).

**“Information Plate”** means an information plate which indicates the period during which a valid parking ticket must be displayed, the maximum parking period, and the fee for a parking ticket.

**“Local Authority”** means Longford County Council.

**“Municipal District”** means the Municipal District of Longford.

**“Parking Bay”** means a space in a car park intended for the parking of one vehicle or where space is intended for the parking of motorcycles of more than one vehicle and so indicated by surface or other signs or marking.

**“Parking Permit”** means a permit issued by the Council authorising the parking of a vehicle in a car park during a specified period.

**“Parking Ticket”** means a ticket issued by the Council by means of a parking ticket machine at a car park indicating the time, date and year of issue of the ticket and the time at which it ceased to be valid.

**“Parking Ticket Machine”** means a machine provided by the Council at a car park capable of issuing a parking ticket when the fee shown on the machine is inserted into the machine.

**“The Signs Regulations of 1997”** means the Road Traffic (Signs)(Amendment) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 181 of 1997).

**“Valid disabled persons parking permit”** means such a parking permit which has not expired.

**“Valid Parking Permit”** means a parking permit the period of parking permitted by which has not expired.

**“Valid Parking Ticket”** means a parking ticket the period of parking permitted by which has not expired.

**“Vehicle”** means a mechanically propelled vehicle having seating for not more than eight passengers.

## **PART 2: GENERAL**

4. The fee for a parking ticket and a parking permit shall be determined by the Council from time to time.
5. A person shall not use a car park for any purpose other than parking a mechanically propelled vehicle except with the prior written approval of the Director Of Services.
6. Apart from normal parking noise a person shall not create, generate or make noise or music at a car park.
7. A person shall not play a radio loudly, operate a loud speaker or offer tickets, goods or services for sale at a car park.
8. A car park may not be used for overnight accommodation purposes whether by camper van, caravan, van, car or otherwise.
9. Parking of buses and coaches with a seating capacity in excess of eight passengers in a car park is prohibited except with the prior written approval of the Director of Services on terms including parking location and parking charges specified by the Director of Services.
10. A vehicle other than a vehicle the driver of which or a passenger in which is a person with disabilities, shall not be parked in a disabled persons parking bay.
11. A vehicle shall not be parked in a car park except fully within a parking bay.
12. Where a parking ticket machine is provided at a car park, a valid parking ticket or a valid parking permit shall be kept exhibited in the interior of a vehicle parked there so that a person outside the vehicle can readily ascertain when it was issued and when it expires.
13. A vehicle shall not be parked in a car park for any period exceeding eighteen hours in any period of twenty four hours.
14. A person shall not park or cause to be parked in a car park a vehicle in such condition or in such circumstances that it would cause or be likely to cause danger to other persons using the car park or to obstruct the entrance to or exit from the car park or to obstruct the free flow or traffic within the car park.
15. A person shall not make any unnecessary noise by means of or in relation to a

vehicle while it is parked in a car park or by means of any equipment, fitting or instruments fitted to or carried on the vehicle or any loudspeaker or radio in or on or in any way connected with the vehicle.

16. A person shall not throw, place or leave any bottle or any broken glass, nail, litter or other substance in a car park, and no person shall at any time play ball or any game in the car parks.
17. A person shall give on demand to a specific agent or a member of the Garda Siochana his or her name and address and a person shall not in any car park resist, obstruct or aid or incite and person to resist or obstruct any specific agent of the Council or a member of the Garda Siochana in the execution of his or her duty or lawful exercise of his or her authority.
18. A person shall not overhaul or carry out repairs to a vehicle while it parked in a car park save where it is necessary to do so in order to enable the vehicle to be removed.
19. A vehicle while parked in a car park shall not be used for advertising purposes or the sale of goods, tickets, or any service in or from the vehicle or as an office, nor shall any such vehicle be offered or displayed for sale or for hire as a prize.
20. Every person using a car park shall comply with any lawful direction given by a specific agent of the Council, or a member of the Garda Siochana.
21. Where a person is requested by a specific agent or a member of the Garda Siochana to leave a car park, the person shall comply with the request.
22. A specific agent shall produce, if requested to do so, evidence of his or her identify and employment by the Council to any person alleged by him or her to be in breach of these Bye-Laws or who has been requested to leave a car park under these Bye-Laws.
23. A vehicle shall not be parked in a car park
  - (a) on that side of a section of roadway in a car park, along the edge of which traffic sign number RRM008 (double yellow lines) has been provided.
  - (b) On a footway, grass margin or a median strip within the car park.
  - (c) On either side of a Pedestrian Crossing within 15 metres (on the approach side) of 5 metres (on the side other than the approach side) of a section of roadway where the following traffic signs have been provided traffic sign number RPC 002 (Pedestrian Crossing Complex)
  - (d) When Traffic Sign Number RRM 020 (Yellow Box) is provided.
24. A vehicle shall not be driven within a car park in excess of a speed of 15

kilometres per hour.

25. A vehicle shall not be driven in a car park contrary to the flow of traffic in the car park indicated by ground or other markings or signs.

### **CONDITIONS FOR PARKING IN CAR PARKS.**

26. A vehicle which is parked in a car park in accordance with these Bye-Laws shall, where parking bays are provided at that car park, be parked within the area comprising the parking bay.
27. A person shall not park or cause to be parked in a car park a vehicle in such a position that it or any portion of it extends from one parking bay to another.

### **DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAYS.**

28. (a) valid disabled persons parking permit in the name of the driver or a passenger in a vehicle parked in a disabled persons parking bay shall be kept exhibited in the interior of the vehicle so that a person outside the vehicle can readily ascertain the issuing authority, the serial number and the date on which it expires.
- (b) Where Traffic Sign Number RRMO15 (Disabled Persons Parking Bay) is provided, a vehicle shall not be stopped or parked without having displayed therein a valid Disabled Person's Parking Permit.

### **DISABLED PERSONS PERMITS**

29. Where a disabled person holds a "disabled person's parking permit" issued under Article 43 of the Regulations of 1997, Bye-Law 31, 33 and Bye-Law 37 of these Bye-Laws shall not apply to specified vehicle parked for the convenience of the person to whom that permit was granted.

## **PART 3: PARKING SYSTEM (PAY AND DISPLAY)**

### **PARKING SYSTEM DEFINITION**

30. In these Bye-Laws:

**“Pay and Display Car Park”** means a car park where the parking of vehicles is subject to the exhibition of a valid parking ticket in accordance with these Bye-Laws and which is indicated by an information plate.

**“Parking Ticket”** means a ticket issued by the Council and obtained by means of a pay and display machine which indicates the year, date and time when the ticket ceases to become valid.

**“Pay and Display Machine”** means a machine provided by the Council which is capable of automatically delivering a parking ticket when the appropriate fee as indicated on the information plate is inserted in the machine.

**“Valid Parking Ticket”** means a parking ticket which – has been issued by the Council by means of a pay and display machine or otherwise – indicates that the vehicle is so parked for a period not exceeding the period for which it may be parked in a pay and display car park in accordance with these Bye-Laws.

**“Valid Parking Permits”** means a parking permit which has been issued by the Council, which indicates the day on which it was issued, the parking period it covers, the pay and display car park it relates to, the registration number of the vehicle to which it relates to and any other information that the Council may decide as relevant.

### **OBLIGATION TO DISPLAY VALID PARKING TICKET IN PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARK.**

31. Where a vehicle other than a motorcycle is parked in a pay and display car park:
- (a) there shall be exhibited in the interior of the vehicle so long as the vehicle is parked, a valid parking ticket.
  - (b) the valid parking ticket shall be so exhibited in the interior of the vehicle that a person outside the vehicle can ascertain by reference to the markings when the parking commenced.

## **PARKING OF PERIOD IN PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARK.**

32. (a) A vehicle parked in a pay and display car park shall not be so parked for longer than the period indicated as the maximum parking period for that car park, or part thereof, by an information plate erected by the Council at or in such car park.
- (b) St Mel's Road Car park is an all day car park between the hours of 08.30 and 18.30 hours Monday to Saturday inclusive or as indicated on the information plate in the car park.

## **INTERFERENCE WITH A PAY AND DISPLAY MACHINE AND A PARKING TICKET.**

33. (a) Where a vehicle is parked in a pay and display car park in compliance with these Bye-Laws a person shall not interfere with a parking ticket exhibited in the vehicle.
- (b) A person shall not damage a pay and display machine.
- (c) A person who is not an agent of the Local Authority, a member of the Garda Siochana in uniform, an authorised officer or a traffic warden, shall not interfere with a pay and display machine.

## **METHOD OF PAYMENT OF PARKING FEES**

34. A person shall not insert into a pay and display machine any coin or objects other than a coin or coins required to pay the fee and denomination shown on the ticket parking pay and display machine.

## **REMOVAL OF VEHICLE FROM PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARK**

35. A vehicle parked in a pay and display car park at a time other than the time or times indicated in accordance with the information plate, shall be removed from the pay and display car park when the period of pay and display indicated as aforesaid commences, unless at such commencement and during the remainder of the period of parking, a valid parking ticket is exhibited in the interior of the vehicle.

## **PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN PARKING INSIDE AN HOUR OF LEAVING PAY & DISPLAY CAR PARK**

36. A vehicle which had been parked in a pay & display car park for the maximum parking period referred to in Bye-Law 32 (b) of these Bye-Laws shall not be parked again in pay & display car park within one hour of its removal from the car park.

## **ISSUE OF PARKING TICKETS**

37. Parking tickets shall be made available by the Council through the provision of a parking ticket machine to be provided at strategic locations.

## **PARKING FEES**

38. The fee for a parking ticket for parking in a pay and display car park shall be that as stated on the authorized information plate. The fee in the first instance will be €1 per hour or €2 per day. Minimum purchase will be 20 cent.

## **PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARK PERMITS**

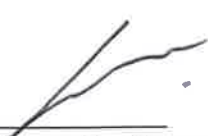
39. The Council may issue parking permits for parking within the car park. The display of this permit shall exempt the owner of the vehicle described on the permit, from Bye-Law 32 and Bye-Law 36 of these Bye-Laws.

## **DISPLAY OF VALID PARKING PERMIT**

40. A valid parking permit shall be so displayed in the interior of the vehicle in respect of which it was issued, that it can be read from outside the vehicle.

**PRESENT** when Seal of Longford County Council was affixed hereto:-





**Cathaoirleach of Longford Municipal District**

Michael Nevin

**A/Director of Services for Longford Municipal District**

**DATED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2015.**