UTMB STUDENT PARKING

FEBRUARY 2017 WORKSHOP DISCUSSION
THE HISTORY

• MARCH 11, 1993 GALVESTON ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH (UTMB) GRANTING LIMITED AUTHORITY IN CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAYS ON AND NEAR CAMPUS.

• THIS AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED UTMB TO LANDSCAPE, MAINTAIN, APPLY AND ENFORCE RULES AND REGULATIONS, PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES, AND ENFORCE CITY PARKING REGULATIONS.

• SEVERAL OTHER ORDINANCES AND A QUITCLAIM DEED WERE ALSO EXECUTED BY THE CITY OF GALVESTON GIVING UTMB RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN AND TO CERTAIN AREAS OF THE MEDICAL CENTER; THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO DESIGNATE AND ENFORCE STUDENT PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON ONLY THE DEEDED PROPERTIES.
WHAT BEGAN THE CONVERSATION

• JANUARY OF 2016 UTMB ASKED FOR FURTHER DESIGNATION OF CITY STREETS AS “STUDENT PARKING.”

• STAFF INITIATED A SEARCH OF CITY RECORDS WHICH PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING TWO MAPS

• WE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY PRIOR COUNCILS AUTHORIZING THIS
STAFF & UTMB RECOMMENDATION

• LOCATIONS BE CONVERTED TO PAID PARKING THE HOURS, DAYS OF OPERATION, AND COST WOULD MIRROR THAT OF UTMB’S PARKING GARAGES.

• THE RECOMMENDED RATE IS $2.00 PER HOUR, OR $14.00 PER DAY, WITH THE HOURS OF PAID PARKING BEING 24 HOURS PER DAY, SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK.

• CONSISTENT WITH ALL OTHER CITY OF GALVESTON PAID PARKING LOCATIONS, HANDICAPPED AND DISABLED VETERAN PLATES WILL BE FREE.

• STAFF RECOMMENDS USING THE CURRENT PAYBYPHONE SYSTEM AND AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR)
BENEFITS

• CHANGES WOULD BRING THE STREET USAGE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH OUR ORDINANCES.

• PAID PARKING CREATES MORE SPACE TURNOVER, OPENING UP PARKING FOR VISITORS TO UTMB.
REQUIRED CHANGES TO CODE

• The new location would be listed as an excepted area under 34-144 (a) to allow for the proposed rate increase.

• The new location would be listed as an excepted area under 34-145 to allow for paid parking on Sundays.