

The Formentera Department of Mobility reports that from Wednesday 1 July, parking passes will once again be required of drivers who park in blue or green zones in La Savina, Sant Francesc, Sant Ferran and Es Pujols. Placed on temporary hold with the invocation of emergency orders on 14 March, the metred parking scheme will resume, with summer hours in effect, from the start of July.

Changes

-Hours in Es Pujols will now be in line with other towns across the island, with pay-to-park rules enforced from 9.00am to 9.00pm. Mobility conseller Rafael González traced the decision to the public health crisis surrounding Covid-19, citing a projected drop in demand for nighttime parking this season.

-Passes for hotel guests and other overnighters in urban areas with metred parking. Indicating that the initiative had stemmed from an appeal from the island's tourism sector, the conseller said that this summer tourist establishments would be able to request vouchers and give them to guests, who can use them to get discounts of up to 25% off pay-to-park rates.

-New parking app. "Drivers will no longer have to walk all the way to parking metres", highlighted González, who said that under the new system, parking passes would be available exclusively to drivers with Flowbird Parking, a free download from Google Play or the Apple Store.

-Any parking passes in effect when emergency orders were declared in March 2020 will have their validity be extended to year end. Conseller González said that the aim of the extension, given the current situation of exception, is to make things easier on users of the metred parking system".

Metred parking

With summer hours, a parking pass allows its holder to leave a vehicle in a blue zone space for up to one day, unlike the three-day allotment in winter. Passes are required from Monday to

Sunday and cost €1.20.

Green zone parking spots are restricted to authorized vehicles only. Eligible vehicles can remained parked in green zone spots for one day in summer, while registered residents of La Savina can park for up to 15 days, as in winter.

Fifteen-minute spaces are designed to encourage a frequent turnover of vehicles in shopping areas where the demand for parking is high. Anyone can obtain a free 15-minute pass at a parking metre. Only 15-minute passes can be used at designated 15-minute parking spots.

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