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Press Release

City Rolls Out New Parking Enforcement System

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The City of West Lafayette has implemented a new parking enforcement system. The new enforcement system involves the use of LPR (license plate recognition) technology as provided by NuPark Inc., a Texas based company.

“The new enforcement method is intended to eliminate the practice of physically chalking tires” said West Lafayette Police Patrol Commander Captain Gary Sparger. The technology involves specialized cameras mounted on a parking enforcement vehicle that reads and captures license plate numbers then reports the information to a back office process that exists in the cloud. Each LPR read is digitally stamped with the date, time and location of the parked vehicle so that parking officers know when and where the vehicle was last parked and whether or not a parking violation has occurred. Tablet PC’s equipped with cameras and parking enforcement software will also be used as part of the enforcement system.

According to Code Enforcement Supervisor Rick Walker with the Neighborhood Resource Team, the new system virtually eliminates the subjectivity of the process as was often the case using the old enforcement method of chalking tires. “Past complaints involved time limits and whether or not the parked vehicle was moved in the allotted amount of time. The new method and technology helps eliminate that argument.” Walker said.

The new technology is real-time and lends itself to modernization of methods such as adding an online web based portal for use when applying for parking permits. Currently used online payment and appeals portals will also be enhanced with the new system adding convenience of use for patrons.

Information about parking tickets, permits and appeals can be obtained online by visiting the Featured Services Section at www.westlafayette.in.gov and clicking on the “Online Ticket Search and Payment Service” link.

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