

MEMO

TO: Municipal Services Committee

FROM: Paula Vandehey, Director of Public Works

DATE: January 19, 2021

SUBJECT: **Request to allow free parking in the Red Parking Ramp for a 30 day period, during vaccination clinic hours, as part of the community vaccination program at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center.**

The City of Appleton has partnered with our neighboring communities, counties and health care providers to create a mass vaccination clinic at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center. The initial goal is to provide vaccinations for the Phase 1(a) and Phase 1(b) groups as defined by the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee. Because the goal is to vaccinate 30,000 community members within a 10 day period, we know that parking will be a key component to the success of this initiative.

In order to provide parking in a manner that is as quick, convenient and barrier free as possible, we are requesting that parking be free in the Red Parking Ramp during the hours the clinic is open for vaccinations. This will allow all gate arms to be up creating a free flow scenario.

It is possible that a future COVID-19 grant could become available to cover the lost revenue for the proposed free parking, but we cannot count on that and should make this decision accordingly.

It is anticipated that the vaccination clinic may continue through June, so staff will report to the Municipal Services Committee on how the parking situation is going, and may request free parking to be extended through a future date.

Therefore, we are requesting that parking in the Red Parking Ramp be free for a 30 day period during vaccination clinic hours.