

## Seawall Blvd Paid Parking

### How do I pay for parking on the Seawall?

PayByPhone allows drivers to pay their parking by using the internet, a smartphone app, or by calling a toll-free number:

- A one-time registration is required consisting of the license plate and credit card number, these details are saved and never have to be entered again. Registration can be done one of three ways:
  - Downloading the app;
  - [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com); OR
  - By calling 1-866-234-7275 and following the prompts
- You may also register for an annual pass by contacting the Galveston Park Board of Trustees at (409) 797-5198 or City Manager's Office at (409) 797-3520. Please have your license plate number and credit card information ready!
- Main Benefits:
  - A text message reminder is sent 5 minutes prior to a parking session expiring
  - Drivers can extend their parking session from wherever they are via the app or by calling – greatly reducing the chance of a parking ticket
  - All parking transactions are available online at [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com)
  - Email receipts are available
  - No cash is required
- A typical parking transaction from a registered user:
  - Load the app
  - Enter Galveston's Seawall Location # 5004
  - Enter the parking time desired
  - Confirm
- There's no need to display a receipt on your vehicle's dash. Seawall enforcement officers can see all the vehicles' license plates that are validly paid via their handheld device.
- More than 300 PayByPhone info signs have been installed along Seawall Blvd.
- Drivers who have a PayByPhone account will not have to register again.

### Where are the paid parking areas?

The paid parking areas include the north and south sides of Seawall Boulevard from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 69<sup>th</sup> Street and 81<sup>st</sup> Street to 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. The area between 69<sup>th</sup> Street and 81<sup>st</sup> Street will be free of charge.

### How much does it cost to park on the Seawall?

Parking is \$1/hour, not to exceed \$8/day or visitors may purchase an annual pass for \$25. An annual pass is valid one year from the date of purchase (for example, an annual pass purchased on 01/01/2015 will expire on 01/01/2016). Please note all parking validations are associated with a single license plate & are non-transferrable.

### When do I have to pay?

Paid parking hours are enforced from 10 AM – 6 PM, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

### How is parking enforced on the Seawall?

Parking is monitored via automatic license plate readers on specified vehicles and handheld devices.

### Why are there no numbered parking spaces?

Payments are valid for any available, identified parking space along Seawall Boulevard. Visitors are free to relocate to a different available, identified space during the allotted paid parking time with no penalty or need to pay additional fees.

### What about handicapped parking?

There are identified handicapped parking spaces located along Seawall Boulevard. Vehicles that display the proper handicap plate or hangtag are not subject to pay parking fees on Seawall Boulevard. Please note that the hangtag on a vehicle must be associated with an individual in the vehicle using the hangtag.

**How do I secure a parking space on Seawall Boulevard?**

Parking spaces on Seawall Boulevard are available on a first come, first served basis. It is recommended that visitors arrive early on peak dates. Paying in advance for parking does not guarantee an available parking space.

**What are the parking fees used for?**

Parking validation fees are used to provide for and maintain enhancements such as clean restrooms, showers, lighting and landscaping on the Seawall.

**I live in a residential neighborhood adjacent to the Seawall. How do I prevent illegal parking in front of my house?**

More than 475 "Resident Only" and "2 Hour Parking" signs have been installed in adjacent neighborhoods to prevent visitors from illegally parking. Residents and homeowners can call the Galveston Police Department at (409) 765-3702 to report violations.

**What if I don't have a credit / debit card?**

Visitors can also use a pre-paid credit card to process payments. These cards can be picked up at a number of retail stores and convenience stores on and off the island.

**I have a motor home, Recreational Vehicle (RV) or motorcycle. How many parking spaces do I need to pay for?**

Parking payments are currently made PER LICENSED vehicle, so one payment is required for each motor home, RV, or motorcycle.

**Why Seawall parking is POSITIVE:**

The cost of an entire day of family fun is more affordable than ever! \$8 gets visitors access to safe, clean, friendly beaches for the day - and memories to last a lifetime.

Validation fees from Seawall parking are used to create and maintain enhancements like clean restrooms, adequate lighting, convenient showers, landscaping and more.

Paid parking on the Seawall allows for additional security and safety on Galveston's beaches. Galveston Police Officers manage parking enforcement and maintain presence on the beaches that protect visitors with respect. GPD makes a commitment to keeping our visitors safe and providing the most enjoyable experience on our beaches.

The convenient pay-by-phone system allows visitors to quickly pay for parking and enjoy the Galveston beaches. Payments are secure and associated with the vehicle's license plate, eliminating the need for stickers, paid receipts in windshields or parking tags. Visitors are free to move to any available, identified parking space during the course of their paid parking time allowing for flexibility and more fun!