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**Baton Rouge Parking Garage Opens to Public Spots near Capitol**

**BATON ROUGE -** Today the Division of Administration announced that the State will begin offering nearly 300 parking spots for public use in the LaSalle Parking Garage located in downtown Baton Rouge near the center of the Downtown Development District.  The garage is used currently by the downtown YMCA, the LaSalle State Offices, the Hampton Inn, and a private company housed in the newly constructed IBM building.  However there are still almost 300 parking spots that are currently underutilized.

Commissioner of Administration Stafford Palmieri said, "This is a great opportunity for the State to provide much needed parking availability to a growing economic sector in Baton Rouge while also generating revenue for Louisiana.  Being able to help promote the development of the Baton Rouge downtown area is vital for the city and the State."

Downtown Development District Executive Director Davis Rhorer said, "The announcement of public parking availability in the LaSalle Parking Garage is great news for downtown Baton Rouge.  This is a very smart use of a public garage in this urban setting, serving multiple purposes including parking for State workers, commercial leases, and now providing parking to the general public. Many thanks to the Governor and the Division of Administration for setting this policy in place."

The LaSalle Garage, Located at 521 North Third Street in Baton Rouge, will be available for public use on Monday, November 2.  The garage will be cash only and will utilize an automated payment system.  The garage will also be installing an ATM for the public.  The hourly rates for the garage are as follows:

         1 hr.                 - $2

         1-2 hr.              - $4

         2-3 hr.             - $6

         3-4 hr.             - $8

         4-24 hr.            - $10

         Lost Ticket      - $10

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