

Vienna Airport: Greater Comfort for Departing Passengers Thanks to New Drive Up System on the Departure Ramp – Prevention of Traffic Jams Despite Substantial Growth in Flight Traffic

Starting on April 24, 2019, the area of the departure ramp will serve as a short-term parking zone enabling stops of ten minutes at no charge

More than 15,000 vehicles drive over the departure ramp at Vienna Airport each day due to the growth in flight traffic. Traffic jams repeatedly arise, especially at peak times. But above all, the unfair and improper parking of cars is a huge problem. In particular, taxis, rental cars and more than 1,000 Uber drivers unlawfully block the parking spaces every day. The situation has deteriorated in spite of 15,000 traffic tickets issued in the last year. Now people can park their vehicles for ten minutes at no charge after driving into the restricted parking area. Anyone who wants to stay in this area for a longer period of time will be charged the short-term parking rate of two euros for every fifteen minutes. The restrictions pertaining to the former short-term parking areas 1 (by Terminal 1A) and 4 (by Terminal 3) no longer apply, in light of the fact that the entire ramp area has been converted into a single, large short-term parking zone.

“The new drive up system on the departure ramp will bring considerably more comfort to all passengers, and the access road to Terminals 1, 1a and 3 will not be as congested”, says Günther Ofner, Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG. The large number of parking offenders frequently led to major tensions among drivers, employees involved in parking area surveillance and law enforcement officials. “The new parking rules continue to enable people to stop for ten minutes at no cost to let people get out of the vehicles. After that, parking fees must be paid. Similar concepts are already standard practice at other European airports”, explains Management Board member Günther Ofner.

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