

Advantages of Pay by Space vs. Honor Box System

	Honor Box	Pay by Space
Labor Costs - Collection	Collection is daily and manual (bills must be unfolded and counted by hand)	Collection is weekly and automated (bills stack neatly; debit card feature reduces currency use thereby reducing collection frequency). Labor reduced at least tenfold.
Labor Costs - Enforcement	Officer must visually determine not only if fees have been paid but paid in full for each parking space, then must hand write unpaid spaces to issue citations	Officer enters code into pay station and a tape dispenses listing spaces paid or unpaid. Labor cost reduced by as much as 70%.
Parking Citation Adjudication	No tangible evidence, Officer's word against the user	User is issued a receipt for proof of payment. Conversely, Officer can retain receipt tape showing spaces paid or unpaid for proof of non-payment.
Payment Options as a Convenience to User	Currency and coin only, must fold bills and insert into box	Currency, coin, or debit cards
Payment Options as a Convenience to Owner	None, currency must be unfolded then counted one at a time	Currency stacks neatly, debit cards
Revenue Audit and Internal Security	None	Audit register tape automatically dispenses when machine is collected or on demand; closed system
External Security	Bills are sometimes visible from face of box and can invite tampering	Revenue is not visible to public. All locking devices are concealed.
Counterfeiting/Deception	User may attempt to deceive enforcement by manipulating or disguising payment	Pay stations strictly discriminate currency and coins
Administration	Parking Permits can be sold, costs include staff to administrate and expense of permits	Rechargeable debit cards can be sold through a card dispenser unit in station. Cards can thereafter be recharged at pay stations. Permits can be eliminated.