

# PAY BY PHONE



Introducing the City of Sacramento's improved Pay by Phone service powered by Verrus.

The Pay by Phone option is currently available at :

- [Sacramento Valley Station- Lot 293 \(5th & I St.\)](#)
- [Lot X \(2nd & N St.\)](#)
- [Lot 297 \(7th & G St.\)](#)
- [Garcia Bend](#)
- [Lot D \(12th & I St.\)](#)
- [Miller Park](#)



**(916) SAC-PARK**



New Features:

- Use your cell phone to pay or add time to your parking space
- Securely stores your credit card information and automatically retrieves it when you call
- Each time you call simply enter the location you are at, your space number, and the length of time you wish to pay for.
- Text message reminders are sent to you when your space is about to expire
- Access your account at [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com) at anytime to check on transactions



Call 916-SAC-PARK (916-722-7275) or visit the Verrus website at: [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com) to set up your free Verrus account. (*Visa or MasterCard accepted*)

There is a \$0.35 service charge for each payment transaction

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. Why the new system?

The current Pay by Phone system requires customers to verbally relay their credit card and contact information each time they call. The new automated system allows the customer to do a one-time account set up either online or over the phone, stores the customer's information and automatically retrieves it each time the customer calls to process a transaction.

## 2. What are the advantages of the new Verrus Pay by Phone system?

- Account set up and management available online or over the phone
- All transaction information is available online at [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com)
- Reminder text messages are sent when the parking space is going to expire
- Time extensions are processed faster because the system stores previous transactions (if space is not yet expired)
- Automatic retrieval of account information, no more verbalizing information over the phone
- The entire transaction simply requires use of the phone keypad

## 3. How do I set up my Verrus Pay by Phone account ?

Visit the Verrus website at: [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com) or call 916-SAC-PARK (916-722-7275). There is no charge to set up your account. **The City of Sacramento only accepts Visa or MasterCard.**

## 4. What will the system require of me when I set up my account?

- Call 916-SAC-PARK and press \* on the phone keypad to set up a new account
- Press **1** on the phone keypad to start the set-up process
- Enter the 10-digit cell phone number you wish to use for Pay by Phone transactions. This will be your account number
- Enter the 16-digit credit card number you wish Verrus to charge each time you make a transaction (Visa or MasterCard)

An easy- to- use online form is available if setting up via the website. To set-up an account via phone:

## 5. How may I view my transactions or access my account online?

Visit [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com). Login using your 10-digit **cell phone** number and your 4-digit PIN.

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## 6. How do I make a payment using the Verrus Pay by Phone option?

- Call 916-SAC-PARK
- Enter your 10-digit cell phone number
- Enter your 4-digit PIN number (or the last four digits of the credit card number on record)
- Press **1** for **initial payment** or **2** to **add time** to a current space  
(For adding time: If you made your initial payment at a meter in the lot, the system will ask for the extension code on your original receipt. If your initial payment was over the phone, the system will automatically pull up the previous transaction)
- Enter the **location number** (for example, Sacramento Valley Station = **293**; Jury Parking Lot = **297**)
- Enter your **space number**
- Enter the **number of hours** you wish to pay for to cover your parking space
- System will calculate the parking charge, including the \$0.35 convenience fee.
- Press **1** to **confirm** and complete the call or **2** to **start over**

## 7. Why is there a \$0.35 convenience fee?

This is a charge from Verrus, our third-party vendor, who offers the convenience of Pay by Phone. You may learn more information about Verrus and the services they provide at: [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com).

## 8. How do I verify the system is charging me the correct amount?

Prior to the completion of the transaction, the system will repeat the information back to you. The system will then relay the total charge amount. You will then need to press **1** to confirm the payment or **2** to start the transaction over. Your card will not be charged and your space will not be covered until payment is confirmed.

## 9. What parking lots accept payment through the Verrus Pay by Phone system?

This service is currently available for City of Sacramento-owned Pay by Space parking at the Sacramento Valley Station (**Lot 293**), **Lot 297, Lot X, Lot D, Miller Park and Garcia Bend Park.**

## 10. May I still call the old Pay by Phone number (916-808-5011) to make a payment?

All Pay by Phone access is now transferred to Verrus. The former number will no longer have the capability to process any transactions.

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**11. If there is an error on my credit card statement, who do I call to resolve it?**

To inquire about a discrepancy on your account, you may choose to: (1) e-mail Verrus at: [support@verrus.com](mailto:support@verrus.com), (2) call 916-SAC-PARK and press \* for assistance, or (3) call Verrus Customer Care: 1-866-783-7787.

**12. I entered the wrong location code or space number, how do I change it?**

Once you have confirmed a transaction you cannot go back into the system to change the location code. Please make another transaction for the correct location code then call the Sacramento City 311 at 916-264-5011 (or dial 311 within the City limits) to have the initial transaction reversed.

**13. I paid using the Verrus system and still received a citation for non-payment. What should I do?**

You may [contest the citation](#) by doing the following:

(1) Download the contest form and follow the instructions

(2) When submitting your contest form, please remember to also submit a copy of your credit card statement **and/or** a print-out from the Verrus transaction page reflecting evidence of payment made on the citation date.

**14. My cell phone is not working or I forgot it. How do I pay for parking?**

You may need to use the meter if you do not have immediate access to a landline or another cell phone. Any touch-tone phone may be used to access the system. You will be prompted to enter your 10-digit **cell phone** number and your PIN. Your account will then be automatically retrieved in the same manner as if you were calling from your cell phone. If your cell phone fails mid-transaction, your payment will not have been confirmed and you will have to try calling from a landline to start the transaction over. **Please note that payment must be made as soon as possible to avoid a citation.**

**15. How do I add or remove the text message reminder on my account?**

**ONLINE:** When you sign-up for your account online at [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com), click on the “Wireless Carrier” tab to choose your desired text message option.

**BY PHONE:** Call 916-SAC-PARK. After entering your cell phone number, PIN and location number: Press **1**, then press \* for More Options, and finally press **3** for text message options.

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**16. How do I get a receipt e-mailed to me after each transaction?**

*If you wish to have receipts e-mailed to you, it is recommended that you do your initial account sign up online at [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com) . On the account sign up page, click on the “Send me a receipt by e-mail for each transaction” option.*

**17. Why am I asked for a license plate number when I register by phone?**

*The opening message is a standard message used by all 90 cities where Verrus provides this service. Many of these cities require license information for parking. This standard message cannot be removed . However, **please remain on the line and proceed to follow the set-up prompts. You will notice that you will never be asked to actually supply a license plate number as the Sacramento system does not need this information.***

**18. When do I need to call once I park?**

*Please call and pay immediately upon parking as you would if you were to pay the meter. All transactions are registered to the Parking Enforcement system in “real time” which means that actual time of payment will be reflected. Payments made **after** a citation is issued will not void the citation.*

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