

The Formentera Council's transport office has announced that from this Sunday, 1 November, winter parking rates will apply in the underground car park at plaça Europa in Es Pujols. New to this season's price scheme are special rates for users who purchase bi-annual (semestral) spots. "Reductions", explained transport councillor Rafael González, "will be applied for any individual or business that commits to bi-annual use (un abonament) for more than ten vehicles". This winter, Council officials hope to see more residents using the car park, which until now, the CiF councillor pointed out, "has often remained empty in winter months".

Rates

A bi-annual commitment at the car park lasts for six months, from the beginning of November through the end of April, and has a cost of 150 euros. The monthly equivalent is priced at 25 euros. Both are available to Es Pujols residents, employees and owners of local business and area homeowners. Those with bi-annual abonament are guaranteed a reserved spot, while for monthly users this is subject to availability.

Another new feature of the rates scheme allows vehicle owners to benefit from discounts if they purchase an abonament for more than ten vehicles. The bi-annual rate for 11 to 20 vehicles is 135 euros; $120 \in$ for 21 to 30 and $100 \in$ for 31 and up. Other rate plans include: yearly $(720 \in)$, weekly $(35 \in)$ or hourly $(1.70 \in)$.

Abonaments can be requested at the Citizens' Information Office (OAC) and will be accorded in the order applications are received. The plaça Europa car park has capacity for 136 vehicles. Twenty-five percent of spaces are held for temporary users. Last year was the first year the bi-annual rate was offered, and eight drivers opted for its use.