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College offers personalized parking meters

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. Visitors to an upstate college can now use personal parking meters.

The small yellow devices at Binghamton University hang from a car's rearview mirror and have 50 hours for users to distribute as needed.

They cost 40 dollars -- which includes a 10 dollar refundable deposit -- and can be used at any lot on campus and at parking meters.

Binghamton is the first college in the Northeast to use the devices. Buffalo began using the devices four years ago after city officials say it eliminated free parking for disabled residents. The city began offering the devices to the general public shortly afterward.

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