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Airport enforcing parking rules

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BULLHEAD CITY — Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport is clamping down on overnight parking, said David Gaines, airport director.

"There was an overnight parking fee in place when I got here," Gaines said. He's been on the job for more than four years.

"There was very little adherence to it and very little enforcement," he said. "We've just tightened up the enforcement." There is a sign posted at the entrance to the parking lot, Gaines said. The overnight fee is \$5.

The policy is being enforced for security reasons, he said. "There are often abandoned vehicles at airports and they can become a threat." A body was recently left in a vehicle parked at an Arizona airport for four months, Gaines said.

Anyone who intends to leave their vehicle at the airport overnight should get a parking pass inside the terminal, Gaines said. "It's put on your dashboard or on your mirror, so that when our folks do their security checks through the evenings, they have a record of which vehicles should be there."

In other airport-related news, construction on the baggage claim area is progressing.

"They're currently working on another small addition to the west that will handle bulk baggage," Gaines said.

The project should be completed within the last two weeks of June, he said.

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