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(57) Abstract

A parking management system includes: sensing means (24) for sensing the presence of a vehicle in a parking position; a housing module (12) having: communication means (26, 83) for communicating with a network; transaction means (105, 107, 112), in communication with the communication means and accessible to a user of the system, adapted to receive payment for an overall time period in which the presence of the vehicle is sensed, and processing means (26) for monitoring the sensing means (24) and for determining the payment according to a variable fee structure, the processing means (26) being in communication with the communication means (83) and the transaction means (105, 107).

