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Dear Members of the Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee,

On behalf of the South Plaza Neighborhood Association, we are writing to express our support for the proposed updates to Kansas City's parking standards.

We believe these changes represent an important step toward a more affordable, walkable, and vibrant Kansas City. Minimum parking requirements have long constrained housing development, limited small-scale and incremental projects, and diverted valuable land toward vehicle storage rather than productive community use. Removing these mandates will allow for more flexible, context-sensitive development that better reflects the needs of Midtown neighborhoods.

As a neighborhood organization, we are focused on fostering a connected, livable community. Updating parking policies supports mixed-use development, encourages more housing options, and aligns with broader city goals around transportation choice and neighborhood vitality. It also enables property owners and developers to make decisions based on actual demand rather than rigid requirements.

We recognize that parking and congestion are important concerns for residents. However, these challenges are more effectively addressed through parking management strategies—such as residential permit programs, pricing, and time limits—rather than outdated zoning mandates. These tools provide a more targeted and adaptable approach while allowing neighborhoods to benefit from reinvestment and growth.

We encourage the Committee to adopt these amendments and continue advancing policies that support a more equitable, connected, and resilient Kansas City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
South Plaza Neighborhood Association