
FW: Comments Regarding Ord No. 260219.

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Please attach to the ordinance. Thanks

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Members of the Council:

This ordinance represents one of those times that you will be called on to be courageous for the greater good of our people.

Loud voices are spreading misinformation and fear about this policy, but stripping back the emotion makes it clear that removing this 1950s-era policy is clearly the right thing to do. Parking minimums were short-sighted then. Keeping them today would be irresponsible and destructive.

While there are legitimate concerns in a few specific areas, we already have proven ways to manage them. Maintaining outdated, unscientific, and debunked parking minimum policy will only continue to damage our city as it has for generations:

- destroying our built environment to continue proliferating the oversupply of parking,
- making our housing less affordable by unfairly bundling the high cost of parking into housing costs regardless of the mobility choices those residents make,
- discouraging vital development and business investment because of arbitrary requirements, even if the business owner or investor doesn't believe those requirements are necessary for success,
- making adaptive reuse of historic buildings impossible, as the new uses may not provide the arbitrary parking supply,
- continuing to build our city in a way that values driving above all else, undermining other modes and our goal to deliver mobility choices for our people.

Many absurd and fear-mongering rumors have spread about proposed massive buildings lacking parking. No lender or builder will undertake a project destined to fail. They will supply the amount of parking they need. Removing requirements simply allows them to be strategic in

that supply, recognizing parking (and mobility more broadly) as the connected system that it is.

Removing minimums is the right thing to do. It is a best practice. It is fairer. It gives agency and choice back to residents. And it allows the market to work — a market we desperately need to deliver more housing for our neighbors.

I encourage you to support this ordinance. You will face some opposition today, but your courage in supporting this common sense policy will contribute to a more livable and equitable Kansas City for generations to come.

Thank you,

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