

February 23, 2026

Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee
City of Kansas City, Missouri
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

Re: Strong support for Ordinance No. 260219

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing in strong support of Ordinance No. 260219.

Kansas City has a parking glut in the urban core that prevents it from becoming a more vibrant and enticing place to live, learn, work, and play. People -- not parking -- make places thrive. Removing parking minimums is a modest step to create a more balanced people-to-parking ratio.

The City's proposal is a rational one -- allow developers to determine parking needs for a specific project in a specific place rather than the City continue to dictate a cookie cutter approach for every development. Market forces will still require off-street parking in new developments. A developer isn't going to create a large apartment building with zero off-street parking spots. They're putting too much money at risk to ignore the portion of the multifamily market that desires off-street parking. Residential developers will start small with a duplex or four-plex with no off-street parking to see if the market appetite is there.

It will be many years before Kansas City residents and visitors struggle to find a place to park. But to allay concerns, the City should consider implementing the following strategies:

Create enough handicapped parking. Most people can walk a block or two to the concert venue, restaurant, and -- dare I say it? -- even their house. For those who can't, ensure there are enough handicapped parking spots close to entrances. For older or disabled homeowners that don't have off-street parking, make sure it's easy and free to have reserved parking in front of their home.

Enforce on-street parking requirements. I've never seen Kansas City parking enforcement staff, so I decided to conduct my own civic experiment, which consists of me parking at metered spaces on the street and not paying the meter to see if I get caught. In the three years I've been doing this, I've gotten one ticket.

Improve the residential parking zone program. I learned from Trevor Acorn's letter that a residential parking zone program already exists in the Volker neighborhood. A quick Google search and creation of a CompassKC account shows that two other neighborhoods --

Longfellow and Rock Hill -- also have residential parking zones in place (Snip 1 below). Several improvements may increase the program's effectiveness:

- 1) **Functionality:** It's unclear what the existing residential parking zone boundaries are because the map link is broken on CompassKC (Snips 2 and 3 below). I couldn't find a map or a description of the boundaries elsewhere. This information should be easy to find.
- 2) **Process:** I was unable to find – in CompassKC or anywhere else – information on how a neighborhood can create a new zone. Residents with valid parking concerns deserve a clear process to prove that parking is an issue and establish a residential parking zone to address it. I used to live in Chicago where a residential parking zone was in place. [Here's how they allow neighborhoods to establish them](#). If the City has a process, it needs to be available to residents via a simple online search.

Enacting this ordinance is a great step forward for Kansas City and all of us who call it home. I urge the City to take additional steps to ensure the ordinance works for everyone.

Sincerely,

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Snip 1

Application Assistant

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Parking - Residential Zone

Category Name:
Street - Parking

Description:
Choose this if you are a homeowner or tenant needing a vehicle permit for street parking beyond the posted time limits in a neighborhood designated by ordinance (Longfellow, Rock Hill, Volker).

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Snip 2

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Apply for Permit - Parking - Residential Zone

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LOCATIONS

Please review the [Residential Parking Permit Zones Map](#) to confirm your location qualifies for this permit.

YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT A PARKING - RESIDENTIAL ZONE APPLICATION

1. Electronic Copy of Vehicle Registration
2. Electronic Copy of Valid Driver's License
3. Proof of Residency of Two Utility bills at requested address OR Signed current lease agreement at requested address

Snip 3

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compasskc.kcmo.org/Resources/KCMO/ResidentialParkingPermitZones.pdf

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