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RE: CD-CPC-2025-00143: Text Amendments – Section 88-420, Parking & Loading

Dear KCMO City Staff, Directors, and Councilmembers,

I want to express my support for updating Kansas City's parking minimum standards. The primary reason I moved to Hyde Park from Kansas was the walkability and affordability. This is one of KCMO's greatest advantages over the region and I firmly believe we should amplify and build upon this tradition into the future once again. Our historic urban fabric would not have formed into the attractive and livable neighborhoods we call home had the current parking minimums been in place 100+ years ago. They reduce walkability by creating suburban like dead spaces dedicated to parking in what otherwise could have been a thriving and sustainable urban environment.

Parking mandates also create added cost to owners and renters of both new and adaptive reuse development efforts. Reducing parking minimums is a critical step in solving the housing affordability crisis. Comprehensive studies can be found detailing how parking minimums have hindered Kansas City's wealth and prosperity due to a lack of dense tax base. Reducing parking minimums aligns with national best practices and would follow successful precedent.

I understand with all growth and improvement can come growing pains. We can solve parking overflow through localized curb management with time limits, metering, permits, multi-modal transportation, and enforcement.

Thank you for your work in our urban core to create attractive, walkable, sustainable, and affordable places to live.

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