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Good Morning,

I have been a business owner in City Market since 2017. I love where I work and I am devoted to bringing a therapeutic element to City Market. We offer counseling, yoga, pilates, EMDR, and more. Given that we are in the middle of a mental health crisis, we believe our services are essential.

Although we see many people from the local community who are able to walk or take the streetcar to my studio, we have even more patients and students who drive in from greater KC and fall in love with the area for the first time. I frequently hear from patients that they have never been to City Market despite having lived in KC their entire life. KC Counseling Studio brings in a lot of business to City Market. Patients frequently shop before and after a session, grab a coffee, meal, a bundle of flowers and groceries. We serve clients and students 7 days a week.

Being able to park where I work is essential to my daily life. I commute in from NKC and this requires a car. Parking for a business owner feels like a fundamental right and necessity. I hope you continue to support local businesses that promote City Market. Taking away parking feels like a punishment and a slap in the face. Please, please keep parking in place for the people who make City Market a popular destination.

All the best to those in charge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

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