
FW: Public Testimony - Support for Ord. #260219 (Removing Parking Minimums in Urban Core)

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Dear Kansas City Councilmembers,

My name is Anthony Cunningham, I am a Union Hill resident, and sit on the board of the Union Hill Neighborhood Association. **I am writing to enthusiastically express my support for [Ord. #260219](#) as written**, which removes costly parking minimums in our urban core, and will help provide more access to housing and alternative transportation options.

Parking minimums baked into zoning requirements are one of many products of America's obsession with individualized transportation, which fundamentally altered how our cities function and how its citizens live within them, alterations that I believe are to the detriment of American cities. Kansas City is perhaps one of the most profound cases, one where our downtown and historically dense neighborhoods are now littered with asphalt for surface parking and excessive on-street parking, as if struck by a confluence of many small comets.

There are many costs to this zoning policy, namely the opportunity cost of forcing the provision of scarce land for free car storage, instead of housing its current and future residents or providing space for small entrepreneurs to start their businesses. Car storage, much like our over-abundant road network, continues to be subsidized by all residents, including those like me who don't have a car and don't use these resources.

I am thrilled to see this ordinance's removal of parking minimums in Kansas City's urban core, as well as establishing parking maximums that ensure that more of our scarce land can be used to provide more housing options for current residents, encourage our neighbors to walk, roll, bike, and take the KCATA-operated buses, and welcome new residents instead of new cars. All of which will build a better fabric for our city and our neighborhoods. **I call on my City Councilmembers to support this ordinance as written.**

Respectfully,

Anthony Cunningham
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Board Member, Union Hill Neighborhood Association