
Ordinance No. 260219

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to voice my support for Ordinance No. 260219, to eliminate vehicle parking minimums in much of the downtown core, introduce maximums, and reduce minimums in the rest of the city.

I believe this ordinance benefits businesses, giving them more options to do what makes sense for their business and clientele. I believe this will increase housing supply, by not requiring or requiring less costly mandated parking that does not offer flexibility based on location, business model, residents, etc. I have seen far too many housing projects denied, delayed, or diluted in quality due to concerns over parking. The city should focus on managing the curb, increasing and improving public transit, and increasing walkable density so that those who do not want or can't rely on a car, have more options available to them.

I am a sustainability professional, and someone who likes to walk, bike, take transit, and drive in Kansas City, MO. I do not live in KCMO, but have been a resident in the past and live just three blocks from stateline. I frequent many businesses, friends' home's, parks, and often do not drive from my home to go to these places. The most vibrant and productive parts of town, are often the older parts that predate parking minimums.

This does not remove existing parking. This does not ban driving to places. I still drive a majority of the time, but changing this policy will help reduce my need to drive places over time, and for others. Parking is not a good use of land, especially in the city. This is a fiscally, socially, and environmentally friendly ordinance. Many cities (bigger and smaller, less and more transit) have fully eliminated parking minimums in their entire city, and this is well documented by the Parking Reform Network. I would support a full elimination. Please adopt it!

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