

February 26, 2026

Neighborhood, Planning & Development Committee
City of Kansas City Missouri
414 E. 12th Street, 15th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64106

Re: Support for Ordinance No. 260219

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my support for Ordinance 260219, which seeks to modify the City's parking and loading standards to encourage walkable development and reduce minimum on-site parking requirements.

By removing the minimum requirement for off-street parking in the urban core, we have an opportunity to foster reinvestment, redevelopment, and growth in the city center. This adjustment, paired with a street management program, can better accommodate the parking needs of residents and future developments.

Supply and Demand

Eliminating parking minimums empowers the market to determine the appropriate amount of parking for different uses, which can help avoid unnecessary asphalt and underutilized spaces.

Barriers for Redevelopment

It is worth noting that requiring developers to provide parking often incurs great costs, up to \$50,000 per space. By exempting properties from these requirements, we can lower barriers for development, making the Urban Core more competitive and potentially easing financial burdens on residents by separating parking costs from rent.

Environmental Impact and Urban Vitality

Furthermore, parking lots can detract from the vibrancy of our neighborhoods, create gaps in the street, and discourage pedestrian activity.

In summary, supporting Ordinance 260219 represents a significant step toward creating a more sustainable and vibrant Urban Core. By considering market-driven solutions and minimizing unnecessary barriers, we can enhance walkability and strengthen community engagement.

I appreciate your commitment to improving our city.

Sincerely,

Austin Mynatt
Southmoreland Resident