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Members of City Council,

Kansas City is a lot of things but it's mostly parking.

I am writing in support of ordinance #260219. Parking minimums are a hindrance to small business and affordable housing. They are an undue regulatory burden that make the city worse in so many ways.

Every argument in favor of parking minimums essentially boils down to the convenience of drivers. How close can they park to where they're going? How long does it take for them to find a parking spot? The problem with those arguments is that it ignores the inconvenience that unnecessary parking lots and driveways create for everyone that's not in a car. Less density means longer distances to get to food, jobs, services and retail. It means walking through parking lots and more risk of being hit by a car. Sprawling land use makes transit less efficient or not work at all.

I totally understand the fear that some may have with letting the market dictate parking needs. However, the public will still control the right of way and the allocation at the curb. Permits, meters, time limits and enforcement should alleviate those concerns. People fear they won't have access to parking when they need it. I get it. But, that's not the result of not building enough parking lots (just look at a satellite view of Kansas City's urban core, we're drowning in parking), that's a result of not regulating curb space. Adequately regulated curb space will mean a spot should always be open when needed.

Please let development happen and allow the city to grow, densify and welcome new residents and businesses. Remove unnecessary regulatory burdens that make housing more expensive. Continue to improve ped/bike infrastructure and transit options, as that is an important part of this conversation.

Think about your favorite places to be in Kansas City. I guarantee none of them are a parking lot. We want more places that are beautiful, provide services and high quality housing and less places to store our giant pollution machines.

Thank you,
Charlie Parker