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To: City Council
Subject: RE: Email - Request to Speak - Josh Delainey - Options for the Review of Minimum Parking Regulations - CK 4350-70

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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Saturday, December 16, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Josh

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Wednesday december 20th regular business meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.3.1 - Review of Minimum Parking Requirements

Comments:

I have a prior obligation until 10:30 so I may not be able to attend if the meeting is moving too fast. If I am not able to attend, I'd like the attached letter to be shared.

Attachments:

- [Josh Delaine - Removal of Minimum Parking Requirements.pdf](#) 22.54 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

Josh Delainey
Student at the College of Law
16/12/2023

I am writing in support of option 3 - Removing Minimum Parking Requirements. Our goal as a city is to move towards more sustainable and economically productive modes of transportation. This inevitably requires moving away from our dependence on cars. A large part of the problems with cars comes from parking. Parking spaces for cars take up large amounts of valuable real estate and turns it into dead space that is both economically and socially unproductive and is only used for 1/3 of the day. This space could be better used in a myriad of different ways and its development is best left to developers and individual business owners.

Saskatoon will not be the first city in North America to take this step, nor will it be the last. However, we have an opportunity to surpass most of our fellow municipalities; we can get rid of minimum requirements city-wide. Many other cities have eliminated minimum parking requirements in specific areas but have yet to fully implement these changes. They are leaving a great opportunity on the table. The greater the proportion of the city is affected by these changes, the greater the positive effects grow. Exponentially.

The removal of parking minimums is a reasonable step to take. The hot-new-thing in city design is parking *maximums*. While the efficacy of this new push has yet to play out, one thing is certain: the elimination of parking minimums is a well-proven and established way to revitalize and rejuvenate cities and bring back strong local economies. Saskatoon should follow in the footsteps of our contemporaries and make a change for the better.