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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Jasmine Liska - Minimum Parking Requirements - CK 4350-024-001

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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: Monday, July 29, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Jasmine

Last Name: Liska

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 11th Street East

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: July 31, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: City Council Public Hearing - Report to Remove Minimum Parking Requirements

Comments:

I strongly support the removal of parking minimums in Saskatoon.

The current requirements have led to valuable land laying empty just in case an extremely high number of drivers decide to visit an area. This makes the city more spread out and less accessible to anyone who can't or doesn't want to drive. The large swaths of surface-level parking lots also make areas like Eighth St and downtown less pleasant to walk through and make them feel less safe to walk through.

It also means that larger businesses -- like grocery stores -- are essentially required to build on the outskirts of the city, where land is cheaper and where they can build the required parking. That, in turn, forces more people to drive further for essentials, rather than have those businesses available in their neighbourhoods.

It requires people building apartments to make costly investments in parking spaces, even if most of the residents don't need or want parking. This decreases the number of multi-unit homes that can be built.

Parking shouldn't be required; it should be built as needed, with increasing investments in public and active transportation networks to ensure that people who can't or don't want to drive can still easily get around. By removing parking minimums, you can make a small step towards having a more vibrant, walkable, and liveable city.

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