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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Martin Thingvold - 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: He/him/his

First Name: Martin

Last Name: Thingvold

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Brightsand Cres

Ward: Ward 9

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Minimum Parking Requirements July 31 Public Hearing

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.9

Comments:

I am in full support of the above legislation. I really hope that the councillors who had issue with the HAF, due to the implications of needing to appease the federal government for affordable housing funding are able to continue removing bylaws that increase the cost of housing. We're deeply embedded in a housing crisis, and any laws that impede development will only slow any progress we can make in addressing it.

Parking minimums are a way to limit our ability to develop lands and start new local businesses. Reading through the conversations happening online I've noticed the large fear to be that of a larger development not providing parking. While I'm not a developer, I feel that if I was I'd have to be an incredibly bad developer to create homes where my tenants need to drive and not provide parking for them. I am a renter who does own a car, and having a place to park my vehicle is a requirement for me right now. This is much the same as other housing amenities. I love having an in unit washer/dryer combo, but nobody advocates for minimum laundry requirements. In a hundred years we have taken the idea of living without a personal vehicle from normal to unthinkable.

Having parking should be a choice that increases the market value of a rental. When we require all buildings to abide by these requirements whether or not the tenants require them we create a glut of parking. This causes higher up-front costs for developers which means slower construction. It means condo owners are on the hook to maintain their expensive underground parkades, whether they need them or not. With these rules those with disabilities that prevent driving, a lack of the financial means to afford a vehicle to pay for a storage space they have no use for. It means a sea of asphalt divides apartments instead of a parklet. It means that those in poverty live in their cars, as that's the only space they can afford.

For these reasons I urge Your Worship and Council to vote yes to remove minimum parking requirements.

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