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Subject: Extending residential on street parking time limit

Meeting (if known):

Comments:

I encourage council to reject the transportation committee's recommendation to extend time limits for on-street parking in residential areas. I am of the opinion that on-street parking should not be free under any circumstance. I don't know exactly how many hundreds of thousands (perhaps millions) of square feet of city roadways are generally utilized as "free" on-street parking, but presumably that space cost millions of taxpayer dollars to construct, and costs hundreds of thousands or millions to maintain every year.

Continuing to provide this for free, or increasing the time limit for which it will be allowed is a step in the wrong direction. While the notion of limiting free parking is most certainly unpopular, not providing the public with the true cost of street parking in direct economic terms (will ignore social and environmental for the time being), and eliminates the ability of individual ratepayers to make sound economic decisions regarding their locational and

transportation choices. Further, those who end up making decision to either provide their own off-street parking (at significant personal cost and increase municipal taxes), or elect to use non-private vehicle modes of transport, actually end up subsidizing this gross waste of city resources. Again, I strongly encourage council to seek another approach and consider the economics of this before supporting it.

Thanks for your consideration. I would love to expand this conversation with any councillor who wishes to discuss as there is a lot more at play here when it comes to creating a healthy urban environment.

Attachments:

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