

From: D K CROOK
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Cc: [Eunice Kim](#)
Subject: CA23-01 testimony
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 4:55:09 PM

Members of the City Council:

With regard to revision of Salem's Unified Development code,
removing requirement for offstreet parking in future residential development (CA23-01):

I oppose this proposal.

I urge you to NOT adopt this reision.

It will have un-intended results.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES:

This zoning change would discourage transition to clean electric vehicles.

By NOT requiring off street parking, residents in new units would be unable to easily charge an electrical vehicle. This zoning change takes us in the wrong direction and does nothing to address this. Does the city council envision apartment residents running an extension cord out to the street and down the block?

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES:

This change would negatively affect our residential areas. It would make streets more crowded, possibly delay emergency services, increase competition for available parking, and foster aggressive relations between neighbors as parking becomes harder to find on the street. Portland is a good example of a bad outcome.

This is an future infrastructure issue for Salem. The City is abdicating its' ability to shape infrastructure. This change can affect any residential neighborhood in the city. By the time congestion and other undesired outcomes become fully apparent, it will be too late to change things.

Now is the time to reconsider, and NOT adopt the zoning change as proposed.

REDUCING THE COST OF HOUSING:

This proposal is based on the unproven assumption that removing offstreet residential parking will have a significant savings in towards affordable housing. It is based on the hope that any cost savings by the developer will actually be passed on to renters or to homebuyers. There seems to be no research supporting this, and there is no mechanism for determining the effectiveness of this approach. This needs further investigation.

Please add me to the city's email list regarding city zoning, climate change plan, comprehensive plan, etc.

Sincerely

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please add my email to the contact list for future similar issues.

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From: [Kaethe Mentrum](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Cc: [Kristin Retherford](#); [Courtney Knox Busch](#); [Irma Coleman](#)
Subject: Parking conditions in Salem
Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023 4:42:04 AM
Attachments: [Parking requirement Elimination.docx](#)

Dear everyone,

Please find attached a letter from Northgate Neighborhood Association for your consideration.

Thank you.

Northgate Neighborhood Association (NGNA)

TO: Mayor Chris Hoy, City Council Members
CC: Keith Stahley, Kristin Retherford
FROM: Northgate Neighborhood Association (NGNA)
DATE: 04/05/23
SUBJECT: Elimination of Parking Requirement & Parking Meters

What happens with multi-family apartments without parking requirement is that streets get crowded and dangerous. We want to prevent that for our community. Most of South and West Salem have single family homes which are required to have two parking spaces, thereby there are no worries. That goes for the City of Salem employees too.

Unfortunately, that is not the case for Northgate. In fact, we can already see into the future as this area is growing and has a large increase of many new construction of apartment buildings. Police report vandalism and criminal activity are on the increase due to staffing issues and if vehicles are parked off site without cameras, the thieves have better access to them.

If you take away the no parking requirement, you will only be creating danger zones for both the pedestrians and drivers. The drivers have to go through cars parked on both sides of a street, not made for such kind of parking. We very recently received complaints from our neighbors who have certain resident neighbors who are doing just that, parking on both sides of the street. They are worried this kind of condition could cause accidents. Those who are walking could be affected by a parked car suddenly pushed their way due to impact caused by a driver. And the driver could also be in a wreck. We are trying to prevent such situations by asking you to not vote to take away required parking. You could be creating unsafe conditions if you do.

Although the state is trying to impose this, the city does not necessarily have to accept it. Each city should reconsider, and we would like to encourage Salem City Councilors to do so too. Remember the historical old motto of Judge Thornton, "she flies with her own wings."

As for parking meters, with the following reasons, we also urge you to vote No.

- A) More money spent on meters and their installation, meter maids, staff, thereby causing monetary issues.
- B) Vandalism by thieves trying to get the money from the meters.
- C) In Portland if you are even a minute late you can be charged \$60.
- D) They tried parking meters in Salem long ago and failed. Why repeat something that failed already?

Thank you for voting "no" to both above.

Northgate Neighborhood Association

From: Kaethe Mentrum
To: [citycouncil](#)
Cc: [Kristin Retherford](#); [Courtney Knox Busch](#); [Irma Coleman](#)
Subject: Very small revision made to NGNA's letter sent earlier to you re parking
Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023 4:39:13 AM

Everyone,

A small revision was made on paragraph 3 where the word “no” for no parking required was deleted.

Thank you.

Northgate Neighborhood Association (NGNA)

Kaethe Mentrum, Secretary