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555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Written Testimony #1

City Council

Monday, January 27, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

4.c. [20-17](#)

Salem Revised Code updates to multifamily housing design standards and regulations.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe Community; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation:

Engross Ordinance Bill No. 1-20, amending the Salem Revised Code to update design standards for multifamily housing and related regulations, and advance it to second reading for enactment.

Attachments:

[Summary of Proposed Code Amendment](#)

[Planning Commission Recommendation](#)

[Engrossed Ordinance Bill No. 1-20](#)

[Ordinance Bill No. 1-20 - Exhibit A \(Findings\)](#)

[Ordinance Bill No. 1-20 -Exhibit B Proposed Code Amendment](#)

[Core Network map](#)

[Written Testimony received by 3:30 p.m. 1-22-20](#)

[Written Testimony received by 1-27-20](#)

Add- Written Testimony.

5.b. [20-40](#)

Zoning analysis for a temporary shelter and low-barrier shelter, and

Considerations for adjusting camping restriction

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Safe Community; Welcoming and Livable Community

Recommendation:

No changes to City camping ordinances.

Attachments:

[Written Testimony received 1-27-20](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

5.c. [20-15](#)

Permit fee waiver request from Salem Health for use of on-street parking spaces

Ward(s): 1

Councilor(s): Kaser

Neighborhood(s): CANDO

Result Area(s): Good Governance, Strong and Diverse Economy

Recommendation:

Fees are adopted by City Council resolution; waivers require City Council approval.

Attachments:

[Council Request from Salem Health](#)

[Parking Mitigation Plan](#)

[Written Testimony received by 1-27-20](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

Amy Johnson

From: Susann Kaltwasser <susann@kaltwasser.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 8:21 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Testimony from ELNA on Multifamily code amendments
Attachments: ELNA comments on Multifamily design standardsCouncil 12720.pdf

Please enter into the record the attached comments from the East Lancaster Neighborhood Association regarding public hearing 4.c on tonight's agenda

Salem Revised Code updates to multifamily housing design standards and regulations.

Susann Kaltwasser

Co-president

ELNA



EAST LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (ELNA)

January 27, 2020

To: Salem City Council and Mayor Bennett
From: Susann Kaltwasser, co-president, East Lancaster Neighborhood Association
RE: Salem Revised Code updates to multifamily housing design standards and regulations. Agenda item 4.c.

On November 7, the East Lancaster Neighborhood Association heard a presentation by Norm Wright of the Salem Community Development Department about the proposed design code changes. The members voted unanimously to authorize me to submit these comments.

TOPIC

3-and 4-unit Development:

Must generally meet the same standards as single-family homes (e.g., maximum height of 35 ft, rear setback of 14 ft or 20 ft in the multiple family zones)

The ELNA members are concerned about the possible requirement of only 14 feet for a 3-story building (35 ft maximum). This would put a house in a single family zone which normally only has 2-story houses right next to a single family house. And in that case the taller house would loom over the yard of their neighbors creating not only privacy and aesthetic issues, it would potentially hamper someone's ability to have solar panels on their house.

TOPIC

Parking:

- 3-12 units: 1 space per unit
 - 13+ units: Based on bedroom size of unit

 - Studio or 1-bedroom: 1 space per unit - 2+ bedrooms: 1.5 spaces per unit
 - Allow up to 25% parking reduction for transit access, on-site car share, or more covered bike parking
 - Allow parking reduction for affordable housing
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The ELNA neighbors have significant concerns about any reduction in parking requirements.

- 1) When a 3 or 4-unit structure is being built in a single family subdivision they believe that parking requirements should not encourage more on-street parking, because in most neighborhoods there are already problems with people parking on both sides of the street and cars have difficulty passing each other.
- 2) Salem street-widths are not standard, and therefore there should be an on-street parking standard that is taken into account in developing the codes for parking that is linked to the proposed development.
- 3) There should be no large apartment complexes that would encourage on-street parking along streets that have bike lanes. Too often people park in those lanes and the police do not enforce the laws consistently.
- 4) How would a developer determine that the renters in their complex would have reduced number of vehicles just because the rents are 'affordable?' What is affordable? Is this proposal based on a wish for more use of mass transit, or based on an actual study here in Salem? We don't see a correlations between "affordable" housing in most apartment complexes in our area. We do see a possible correlation in HUD or 100% section-8 housing
- 5) Would on-street parking be managed by permits? Many property owners believe that the space in front of their house is theirs and do not like others parking in 'their spaces.' It currently causes arguments in our neighborhoods.

TOPIC

Review Process:

- Project meets all standards: Staff review with no public notice (proposed to remain) •

Project cannot meet all standards: Public hearing with public notice

The ELNA neighbors have strong objection to this proposal as it may apply to a small development.

When you have a duplex in a single family neighborhood there is not much of an impact on parking or on appearance. Many neighborhoods already have them. However, when you add a 3 or 4-unit structures to a single lot it is more likely to change the character of the neighborhood. Even when a structure might meet all the design code requirements, it is going to be significantly different. The neighbors feel that this difference will likely impact the not just the appearance, but the quality of life in their street. They want to be able to know that a major change is happening next door that will impact them. They want to be notified, to have the neighborhood association to be notified and to have the developer come to the neighborhood association, so that they can have an opportunity for input.

Some wanted to be able to have a hearing, while a few thought that being able to raise issues to staff might be enough. But they would want to have the right to appeal in all cases.

General comment:

- 1) The neighbors feel that some of the proposals are radically different from current codes and that the awareness in the general public is very low. People are going to be upset if this is implemented as proposed, because it is quite possible that someone could wake up one morning and see the house next door being torn down and a 4-plex being put up. They would have had no notice and no opportunity to comment.

- 2) The neighbors feel that there needs to be much more community outreach prior to moving any changes in the code to the City Council.
- 3) ELNA neighbors are bothered by the fact that our area seems to be getting higher density development compared to other parts of Salem. A 2016 housing study found that we have room for growth within the Urbani Growth Boundary for the next 20 years. If there are projected to be 60,000 new people in the next 30 years (or prorated 40, in the next 20 years) why must the higher density not be well distributed around town. Currently ELNA is 50% multifamily and more is being permitted in recent land use actions. Other parts of Salem are only 30-35% multifamily or high density. At what point do we get to say that this area has fulfilled its obligation to accept more density and more people?
- 4) Neighbors want setbacks in the front of any structures should be within 20% of all the other houses on the block. They do not want to see more than a couple of feet difference between how houses are placed on the lot and facing the street.

Amy Johnson

From: Nancy McDaniel <nanmcdann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 4:01 PM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Irma Dowd
Subject: NEN testimony on CA19-05
Attachments: NEN comments CA19-05.pdf

Attached please find NEN's testimony on Code Amendment Case No 19-05 (Ordinance 1-20) for the Council hearing on January 27. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Nancy McDaniel
NEN Land Use Co-Chair



NEN

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January 24, 2020

To the Members of the Salem City Council,

At our meeting on January 21, the Northeast Neighbors Executive Board voted to support Ordinance No. 1-20 (CA19-05) amending the multifamily housing code, with two proposed changes.

The amendments make sense for a number of reasons: they create different requirements based on the size of the development; reduce parking minimums; require useable open space; and create basic design standards specifically for smaller developments (less than 13 units).

In addition, we voted to specifically support the staff recommendation to prohibit parking areas between the street and building for five to 12-unit multifamily projects. This provision is crucial for integrating smaller infill developments into residential neighborhoods.

We propose two changes to the amendments. One is to delete a provision that would allow an open space with benches and picnic tables to be double-counted toward meeting the open space requirements. The other improvements that can be double-counted are facilities such as a swimming pool or basketball court, which are a permanent investment; picnic tables are not. Second, we would like to see a requirement for secure, sheltered bike parking in large developments (13 or more units). The ordinance only requires only bike racks, which are not secure and so not suitable for residents to store their bikes.

The NEN neighborhood is an excellent example of how multifamily housing can be integrated into residential neighborhoods. We hope this ordinance will result in more housing in Salem that is compatible with our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony,

Nancy McDaniel
NEN Land Use Co-Chair



1/24/2020

Multifamily Housing Design Project

RE: Letter of Support

City Council and Members of the Community,

Salem Housing Authority would like to offer a letter of support with regard to the adjustment of design standards in Multifamily Housing. The item of most importance to our agency is the element of parking.

One of the most difficult aspects of building to current density is accommodating the required parking spaces. The current requirement for a project with four or more units is 1.5 spaces. This requirement does not take into account that a 3-bedroom household would have more vehicles than say, a studio household.

Currently, Salem is facing a shortage of affordable housing. The Studio and 1-Bedroom units represent a higher amount of need at this time. If we were to build to the need and have a higher saturation of smaller units, the current parking requirement would provide for potentially more parking spaces than actual units and/or individuals that live at the community.

My best example is our current project, Redwood Crossings. This building holds 36 Single Room Occupancy units and 1- 1 Bedroom unit. We anticipate that there may be 20 or less cars for the entire community. However, the parking requirement is 54 spaces. There is a potential that we could have used half of the parking lot for additional units, rather than spaces that most likely will not be used.

Our goal at the Housing Authority is to add additional affordable housing units to the Salem Community. We believe this design project has several elements which will remove barriers for us to do so more effectively.

We appreciate the time and attention Eunice Kim and her team have put into this project as well as the effort to incorporate as many of the other housing developers comments and suggestions. This proposal is well thought out and researched and we are in full support.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Jessica Blakely
Salem Housing Authority – Asset Manager



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10-17-2020

To: Mayor Chuck Bennett and Members of the Salem City Council

Re: Proposed Design Standard Changes for Salem Multifamily Design Project CA-19-05

From: Southwest Association of Neighbors

Members of the Southwest Association of Neighbors would like to commend City of Salem Staff for their work to update design standards for Multifamily Design. In particular, the board has voted and we would like to support the current topic change to 13+ unit developments in regards to setbacks and compatibility dealing with balconies facing properties zoned single family.

The original proposed change to the Multifamily Design Project regarding balconies from city planning staff provided a prohibition on balconies abutting RS properties. The Planning Commission amended and removed this original recommendation on prohibition of balconies abutting RS property.

SWAN strongly supports the new modification of the original balcony prohibition and current proposed change regarding balconies in 13+ unit developments. The proposed change is that "no" balconies be allowed "facing" properties zoned single family if the building façade is within 50 feet of those properties. We believe this change will provide a positive design standard for both builders and those RS properties impacted by new construction. This proposed design change will help assure privacy for current RS property holders and possibly limit project appeals concerning construction of balconies overlooking private property.

Current design standards require landscaping between 13+unit developments and RS property. We believe this newer proposed standard along with the landscaping design requirement is a much better solution for a contentious issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ted Burney

Land Use Chair

Southwest Association of Neighbors

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Amy Johnson

From: Jason Cox <jasonrcox@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Matthew Ausec; citycouncil
Cc: Chuck Bennett; Sara Long; Kristin Retherford
Subject: Homelessness and zoning

Hi Matt and Chuck,

I'm writing regarding the recommendation to allow homeless shelters in industrial areas. The need is clearly present and there's no easy solutions -- and the interaction with residential areas is tricky at best.

While much of Salem's industrial zoning is relatively isolated from residential areas, the west side of Portland Road is largely zoned industrial commercial, yet interacts with a commercial and residential area. It's a unique mix that only occurs a couple of other places in the city, and this fact should be taken into account as staff works on the requested zoning. A blanket allowance of camping in IC-zoned areas could have unintended consequences if not crafted carefully and with intention.

Best of luck to you as you work through this extremely difficult issue. Happy to discuss the matter further if you'd like.

Best,
Jason Cox

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of susan_friesen66@msn.com
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 10:19 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ConestogaHuts.jpg

Your Name	Susan Friesen
Your Email	susan_friesen66@msn.com
Your Phone	503-871-1857
Street	960 Jefferson St. NE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	Dear Mayor Bennett and Salem City Councilors, Solving the problem of homeless people camping in the downtown area is obviously at an impasse. No solution appears to be in the offing. It's a conundrum, for sure. However, have any of you heard of, or read about, what the city of Walla Walla, Washington has done to provide temporary shelter for their homeless citizens? Someone or some group of people came up with the idea of using volunteer help to construct conestoga huts --- a uniquely-designed shelter that provides protection from the brunt of the elements and a measure of privacy and safety. Please see the attached photo

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of susan_friesen66@msn.com
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Street	960 Jefferson St. NE
City	Salem
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Message	<p>Dear Mayor Bennett and Salem City Councilors, Solving the problem of homeless people camping in the downtown area is obviously at an impasse. No solution appears to be in the offing. It's a conundrum, for sure. However --- have any of you heard of, or read about, what the city of Walla Walla, Washington has done to provide temporary shelter for their homeless citizens? Several years ago someone, or some group of people, came up with the idea of using volunteers to help to construct conestoga huts --- uniquely-designed shelters that provide protection from the brunt of the elements, and a measure of privacy and safety. Please see the attached photo. The huts I saw when I visited Walla Walla a couple of years ago were set up on a blacktopped area behind a chain link fence with privacy slats in an industrial area on the edge of the downtown. Could something like this work in Salem? Does the city have a piece of property near downtown where conestoga huts could be set up? Or, is there a private property owner who would be willing to donate the use of a suitable space near downtown? I'll bet there are people, organizations, and businesses in the Salem area who would volunteer their time and resources to construct the huts. I urge you all to check out https://communitysupportedshelters.org/ to find out more about these unique shelters. Thank you all for the time and energy you devote to the City of Salem --- you have a very tough job! Susan Friesen</p>

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Amy Johnson

From: Sadie Blackhall <Sadie@acgilbert.org>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 1:26 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Gilbert House Children's Museum and Homeless Camping

Dear City Council-

My name is Sadie Blackhall and I am on the Board of Directors for Gilbert House Children's Museum. As I am sure you are aware, homeless camping surrounding the Gilbert House has been a serious issue for some time. The city has been very helpful and cooperative with working with us in the past regarding this, and I am thankful for everything you have done to help keep the Gilbert House and surrounding area a safe and clean place for Salem's children and families.

For the past several weeks, there have been tents in the ravine east of the Gilbert House and increasing activity. Unfortunately, there was a recent incident involving police arresting a shoplifter near the museum, and police had their guns out and a dog was killed. The next day, a fire was started in the area.

These events have been very difficult on Gilbert House staff and have happened while families are on the premises. We have had to move families indoors during these events. We have been communicating with members and visitors that we value their safety, however, these events will continue to impact our museum and our patrons.

We understand there are limited options with asking campers to leave. However, one thing that can be done to help keep the Gilbert House safe and the surrounding area clean for Salem's families is to designate the area around the Museum a school zone. This would allow a perimeter around the Gilbert House that would not allow camping. The Board of Directors strongly supports this designation and we feel it will benefit Salem's children and families.

Thank you for your time and continued work in supporting our cause of inspiring children to learn through creative play. We are very thankful to be a part of Salem and the surrounding communities.

Sadie Blackhall
Board of Directors
Gilbert House Children's Museum



Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of sameolemark@msn.com
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 4:19 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

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State	OR
Zip	97321
Message	I do not live in Salem, but travel up to Salem quite a bit for my self employment after retiring from law enforcement. In regards to the street people and camping in the parks, sidewalks, etc. I have an idea and don't know if anyone suggested it but here goes. The women's prison on State Street has been closed for years and not used, right? Convince the Dept of Corrections and use this for homeless persons. Another thought, Hillcrest off Reed Rd, can this be used as well? I understand it has been closed as well. Thanks for listening. Mark Lee

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Amy Johnson

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To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
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Message	<p>Hello city leadership, I am a downtown business owner at Salem Center. I am writing again to you all as I continue to have grave concerns about our business' future due to takeover of our area by the homeless subjects. This weekend I walked about outside and the homeless have taken over and prevent the safe use of our area by customers. I observed several bikes in pieces piled up or locked to a bike stand and a person basically appearing to run a bike repair area. My understanding is that they are not allowed to develop structures but the reality is they are including the use of pallets, tarps, shopping carts, etc.. In addition, I observed food items and significant trash making this a public health hazard for all citizens. I am concerned that police are not enforcing theft of shopping carts, littering, and taking over the entire sidewalk in areas. I understand that there are court rulings regarding the use of public areas. However, I believe upon review that it is not the spirit of the law that others are allowed to impede upon the rights and general health of others, move permanently into a public location, acquire and store large amounts of personal belongings, dispose of trash/unwanted items on the street, and damage private and city property. I recently stood at our back dock area and could smell the odor of bodily fluids from subjects using the area as a bathroom. In addition, I watch folks stop and offer items to the subjects who routinely turn it down or leave it laying as trash as they appear to only want money. I respectfully request that officials including the police adopt a stronger stance against such choices and protect the rights of others. I recommend a more frequent police supervision/action, daily cleaning of the area, and policies passed to prevent such behavior completely before there is damage to commerce that cannot be repaired. I understand this is a challenging issue and thank you for your time. Best regards, R. Little</p>

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Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of caratapken@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 5:03 AM
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Message	Jones said he would lift the camping ban and invest in a low-barrier shelter to house the most vulnerable and struggling homeless...this makes no sense. If Pringle Hall wouldnt work then how come low barrier housing would work? What option is there to the old hillcrest? If has everything needed for the homeless and for those who would oversee the program? Neighbors are not as close either. Twice a day shuttle could be implemented. The cost of cleaning up the city as has been done...over time you would spend more to do so than to open hillcrest. At least hill crest has the option to house more homeless than what we have. Low barrier shelter and allowing camping will turn us into a pdx issue. Many have stated that the hillcrest area is a good option.

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Amy Johnson

From: Dan Atchison
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Amy Johnson
Cc: Kristin Retherford
Subject: FW: MWVCAA - Warming Shelter update

Amy:

Please add this to written testimony for 5b, item 20-40.

Dan

Dan Atchison
Salem City Attorney
503-588-6003

From: Kristin Retherford <KRetherford@cityofsalem.net>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Steve Powers <SPowers@cityofsalem.net>; Dan Atchison <DAtchison@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Fwd: MWVCAA - Warming Shelter update

Kristin Retherford
Urban Development Director
City of Salem, Oregon
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ashley Hamilton <ashley.hamilton@mwvcaa.org>
Date: January 27, 2020 at 3:03:55 PM PST
To: Kristin Retherford <KRetherford@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: MWVCAA - Warming Shelter update

Hi Kristen, this is my formal report below:

Hello Mayor and City council,

As a response to this evening's council agenda, I thought it prudent to outline the recent efforts of MWVCAA and city staff to locate an alternate location for expanded emergency sheltering services. Since December, several attempts have been made to stand-up a low barrier duration model, one that would ideally serve the unsheltered population centralized in the downtown. Many of these efforts have not materialized due to property owner resistance, refusal for a short term lease without a purchase

clause, as well as building design issues that would compromise the needs of the population (i.e ADA accessibility, line of site safety concerns, and cleanliness).

Below is a review of more notable facilities that were considered, and ultimately the reason we did not pursue:

- 676 Church Street NE - This property was toured twice. The owners were open to a 1 year lease with a guarantee the property would be purchased. Would be a good location if purchase was an option.
- 280 Church Street NE, Statesman Journal Building - Toured this building. Very large and but could not find a space to block off with enough ADA bathrooms and would need significant tenant improvements.
- 1185 22nd Street – This building is for sale or lease and was toured. Owners want a one year lease with a guarantee to purchase within one year.
- 1450 Front Street, Encore glass building – Had Ken Easton with the City drive by, it would work but needed another egress from basement. Owner will do a one year lease with guarantee to purchase.
- 630 Center (Chase Building) – Was not toured due to two floors but may be a possibility although it is to purchase.
- Marion County Juvenile Detention Center – Toured once. An active campus with minors living and working onsite. This is a liability for MWVCAA and their currently youth services/contracts. Poor line of site internally, posing a risk for volunteer & client safety.
- Hope Crest – Not toured. Significant transportation concerns for downtown clients to the bus stop. Then requires guests to walk uphill with their belongings for entry. Limited ADA accessibility. High utility costs and significant upgrades needed.

Lastly, MWVCAA utilized 10 brokers in the building search. Working in concert to locate a suitable alternate location. Not listed were 10 additional building sites that were reviewed, toured, and/or contacted. All of which resulted in similar barriers to implementation as stated above.

Recommendation moving forward is long-term investment into a dedicated low-barrier shelter and navigation center for the city. One which is built to operate at a high capacity with limited neighborhood impact. As well as finishing out the remainder of the current duration warming season (64 days) by supporting the duration model established at Church at the Park, as well as Safe Sleep. Totaling 49 slots (CatP – 14 beds, 16 seating & Safe Sleep – 19 beds). In addition to the temperature activated 4 church network when overnight lows reach 32 degrees or below (240 beds/seating).

Ashley Hamilton

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Amy Johnson

From: Ray Quisenberry <rayquisenberry@centurylink.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 3:43 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Salem Health request to waive fees

Council members

I've read the request from Salem Health asking the city to waive the standard fee for using public space for private use. The city should deny the request.

With a general fund falling short, and the immediate need for extra revenue, it would be poor public policy to waive these fees. It would be very hard to explain to citizens now seeing a new fee on their own monthly utility billing why Salem Health is getting a special break, and especially hard to explain to homeless advocates that are struggling to secure a place for our most vulnerable citizens why the city opted to not collect these fees. It would also be unfair to those now using these sports on a first come, first served basis.

Instead, Salem Health should be encouraging their employees to use transit and to car pool, or to provide a van pool. If they still need spaces after trying that approach, then they should pay the going rate.

Please do not grant the waiver.

Ray Quisenberry

920 5th St. NE

Sent from my iPad

Amy Johnson

From: Jim Scheppke <jscheppke@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 9:38 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Testimony on Agenda Item 3.3b

Dear Salem City Council:

Regarding the request by Salem Health for a parking fee waiver request for the use of on-street parking spaces for 30 months, I request that the Council deny this request.

The reasons for denial given by staff are very sound. On-street parking spaces are a community asset for which the City should be compensated, and mitigating the impacts of construction projects should always be the responsibility of the property owner and not the City. Deviating from the latter sets a bad precedent that will lead to future requests from other property owners.

There is also the matter of the loss of General Fund revenue that the City cannot afford. The fact that Salem Health does not contribute to the General Fund, as I do, makes this particularly offensive to me.

Finally we know from the recent Greenhouse Gas Inventory that the large majority of greenhouse gas pollution in Salem (53%) comes from cars and trucks. As one of Salem's largest employers, Salem Health has contributed to this by providing free parking to its staff, incentivizing hundreds of Single Occupancy Vehicles commuting to and from work every day. According to the staff report the free on street parking spaces requested will be "primarily used by Salem Health staff." This will only perpetuate Salem Health's significant contribution to unhealthy carbon pollution in Salem. I hope when Salem finally adopts a Climate Action Plan that it will require major employers to stop promoting SOV commuting with free parking.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Scheppke
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