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**Subject:** Fwd: alternative to ending three hour free parking in downtown Salem  
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**From:** Micki Varney <[MVarney@cityofsalem.net](mailto:MVarney@cityofsalem.net)>

**Subject: Re: alternative to ending three hour free parking in downtown Salem**

**Date:** February 27, 2023 at 3:57:31 PM PST

**To:** vici taus <[vicitaus@gmail.com](mailto:vicitaus@gmail.com)>

Hi Vicki and Fred,

Thank you for writing. I always appreciate hearing folks ideas and perspectives on issues. I feel it's important to make informed decisions, and the more information I have, the better the decision. I'm in the middle of a work project right now that I have to get done before tonight's city Council meeting, so I don't have time right now for a more detailed response. (and I do plan on getting back to you).

Would you be willing to send this message to the city recorder ([CityRecorder@CityofSalem.net](mailto:CityRecorder@CityofSalem.net)) so that it can be entered into the public comment portion of the record?

**Micki Varney (She/Her)**

*City Councilor - Ward 8*

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**From:** vici taus <[vicitaus@gmail.com](mailto:vicitaus@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2023 3:35 PM

**To:** Micki Varney <[MVarney@cityofsalem.net](mailto:MVarney@cityofsalem.net)>

**Subject:** alternative to ending three hour free parking in downtown Salem

Dear Councilor Varney -

Has the Salem City Council considered compromise with regard to the proposed end of free-on-street-parking-downtown?

Wouldn't reducing the free parking time to two hours while sustaining the current parking tax bring in more money? The idea might not be perfect, but it's no more flawed than the proposal to remove the free-three-hour- on-street-parking option. Salem residents and visitors have already experienced less retail choice after the exit of JC Penney and Nordstrom and dealt with more sidewalk obstruction from tents and trash. True, the parkades offer parking but they also include safety and convenience issues.

If a primary goal is to create and keep a vital and welcoming downtown, there must be a better plan than one that proposes to end a surviving reason to frequent the area.

We appreciate your consideration and your service.  
Thank you.

Vici and Fred Taus  
West Salem