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Zoning Commission

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John Burk

3821 Newark St NW Apt C-441 , Washington, DC 20016

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Kimberly Katzenbarger

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Carl Becker

1919 Biltmore St., NW #2 , ♦ Washington, DC 20009

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TO: Zoning Commission

FROM: Cheryl Wagner
3103 Hawthorne Dr NE
Washington, DC 20017

SUBJECT: I Support Changes to DC's Parking Regulations

DATE: July 28, 2008 06:46 PM

Dear Zoning Commission,

I support the proposed changes to DC's parking regulations. In this time of rising gas prices and concern about climate change, it's important we plan for a more walkable, vibrant, and affordable DC.

RE: Case No. 08-06-2

I urge you to vote for the above proposal which would encourage more biking and walking in the city of Washington DC.

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Maria Farkas

1709 19th St., NW, #12 , ♦ Washington, DC 20009

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Alex Horowitz

216 8th St SE , ♦ Washington, DC 20003

Zoning Commission
441 4th St NW, #200
Washington, DC 20001

Subject: I Support Changes to DC's Parking Regulations

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July 29, 2008 10:16 AM

Jason Broehm

1825 T St. NW, #104 , ♦ Washington, DC 20009

Zoning Commission

Subject: Please Support OP's Proposed Changes to D.C.'s Parking Regulations

Dear Zoning Commission,

I support the proposed changes to DC's parking regulations. In this time of rising gas prices and concern about climate change, it's important we plan for a more walkable, vibrant, and affordable DC.

I strongly urge you to support the Office of Planning's efforts to bring D.C.'s zoning regulations as they relate to parking into the 21st century. The existing regulations date to a time when cities like D.C. were trying to bend over backwards to accommodate cars to compete with suburbs.

We must seize this opportunity to make D.C. more friendly to walking, biking and using transit while making fewer accommodations for cars. This will help us fight traffic congestion and clean our air while the city redevelops and more people move here.

Specifically, I urge you to vote to support the changes proposed by Office of Planning, including:

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I choose to live in D.C. because it is well served by transit and relatively friendly to walking and biking compared to other cities and especially compared to most suburbs; however, D.C. is not perfect in these areas. Let's update our zoning with regard to parking to bring D.C. into the 21st century and make this an even better city to call home.

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**Sincerely,
Jason Broehm
1825 T St. NW, #104
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Joseph Hiatt

5415 Connecticut Ave, NW #735, Washington, DC 20015

July 29, 2008 10:34 AM

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July 29, 2008 10:47 AM

J Hall

651 Irving St., NW , ♦ Washington, DC 20010

Zoning Commission

Subject: DC's Parking Regulation Changes are Supported!

Dear Zoning Commission,

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I wanted to write today to put words to the fact that I support efforts to clean our air and to make our neighborhoods safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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TO: Zoning Commission

FROM: Rachel Pope
3206 Shepherd St
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

SUBJECT: I Support Changes to DC's Parking Regulations

DATE: July 29, 2008 11:02 AM

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TO: Zoning Commission

FROM: tom lalley
1350 kenyon st. NW #2
washington, DC 20010

SUBJECT: I Support Changes to DC's Parking Regulations

DATE: July 29, 2008 12:11 PM

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Zoning Commission
441 4th St NW, #200
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1889 Monroe St NW
Washington, DC 20010

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TO: Zoning Commission
441 4th St NW, #200
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FROM: Matthew Stern
1215 Park Rd NW
Washington, DC 20010

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TO: Zoning Commission
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FROM: Geoffrey Hatchard
103 Seaton Place NW Apartment 1
Washington, DC 20001

SUBJECT: I Support Changes to DC's Parking Regulations

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Dear Zoning Commission,

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I am writing in support of the changes to the parking element of the zoning regulations that the Zoning Commission will be voting on this year. I believe that supporting these new regulations will help the city attract more residents in a way that will complement the goals of an increased tax base and minimal spending outlays for infrastructure. The aspect of parking that I hope you will consider is the amount of driving that is associated with it.

If current trends continue, the population of the District of Columbia will increase, by perhaps 50,000 individuals over the coming decades. Surely, some of these new residents will bring automobiles with them. If they all do, the already busy streets of the city will be pushed to the limit with traffic. The city surely does not want to spend more money on our road infrastructure when we could be using that money on other things, like schools, recreation centers, aid for the homeless, and financial help for our small businesses. Since the city lacks the ability to increase roadway capacity, the only way to avoid this potential is to ensure that future automobile use does not significantly increase.

I feel that the city can help encourage these new residents to make an easy transition from the suburban to a more urban lifestyle. We can help them transition from car ownership by offering clear options that will allow these residents the high quality of life they expect. The way to ensure this is to build a city that allows residents to do everything they need and want to do by using their feet, their bicycles, and public transportation to get to where they need to go. Great examples of this already exist in

places like Dupont Circle, Capitol Hill, and Georgetown. With the change and growth coming to neighborhoods like Anacostia, Brookland, and Deanwood, we can ensure that these neighborhoods develop in ways that make them as exciting and livable as the areas that already thrive without the need for car ownership.

To tie this back into the parking regulations, I believe that requiring parking minimums would encourage car ownership, which would lead to the crowding of the streets and stress on that infrastructure that I spoke of earlier. This induced demand is something we can avoid by creating intelligent parking requirements in our zoning regulations now.

I am not advocating against car ownership, but I am requesting that the city do all that it can to make it easier for people to live in the city without a car. I believe that by making it easier for people to make that choice, the city will find that it is at an even greater competitive advantage to places where car ownership is the only choice for residents.

Thank you for your consideration with regard to this important topic,

Sincerely,
Geoffrey Hatchard
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Anthony Hood, Chairman
Office of Zoning
DC Zoning Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20001
Via fax: 202.727.6072

RE: **Support** for Case No. 08-06-2 (Comprehensive Zoning Regulations Rewrite: Parking)

Dear Zoning Commission:

I run a Web site, Greater Greater Washington (<http://greatergreaterwashington.org>). I invited readers to write their own comments on the Office of Planning's parking recommendations. I have enclosed each of their comments below. To my knowledge, all of these people are DC residents.

David Alpert

I am writing to stand against excessive parking requirements in the new zoning regulations, and in favor of rowhouse-friendly zoning. One of the best things about living in the District, instead of Virginia or Maryland, is that it's easy here to get around without a car. Why? Because the city is built on a human, walkable scale, in a way that just can't be matched when vast tracts are given over to cars. We shouldn't be encouraging car ownership—it will destroy the one thing that makes DC affordable and enjoyable over its nearby rivals. Instead, we should be encouraging denser, transit-friendly development and allowing more people to share in the wonderful experiences I've had living car-free in DC.

- Dan Miller

I am a DC resident and I want to strongly encourage the council to enact more rowhouse-friendly zoning policies that encourage less car ownership and more walking and other transit options. In the 12 years I have lived in Washington, the increase in local traffic congestion has been profoundly troubling. The solution is not making it even easier for more and more cars to clog DC streets, but to encourage our neighborhoods to become more walkable and reachable by bike and mass transit. Please reform the local zoning laws to reduce parking requirements and make it easier to build denser developments in Washington.

- Jeffrey Weisner

We should build as much parking as the market will bear, but there's no need for regulatory mandates that generate additional parking spaces at the expense of other uses of precious space within our city. As someone who's been living here for years with no car and who doesn't intend to move away, I resent the large transfer in wealth from the carless to the careful that's associated with parking mandates -- especially because these measures are economically inefficient and bad for the environment and public health to boot.

- Matthew Yglesias

It is not only desirable to eliminate required parking laws, it is absolutely necessary. Smart growth, transit-oriented development, healthy and walkable communities - all of these are severely limited by parking restrictions. Think about how much precious space a car occupies, and how little we can afford to spend. It IS possible to live in a suburban area in this region where cars are ubiquitous and required, in almost every jurisdiction outside the District of Columbia. But to actually force residents and developers in the few healthy urban neighborhoods to use their land for parking (for the benefit of those who wish to use the neighborhood's space to park their cars at maximum convenience) is selfish, biased, and wrong. Instead of punishing individuals and communities who want to live less expensively and more responsibly, we should be encouraging them. An important step is reducing and eliminating zoned parking requirements.

Everyone knows that the popularity of older urban neighborhoods in the District has skyrocketed, since so many people want to live in those neighborhoods. A major reason for this popularity is precisely that no parking requirements existed when they were built, so they could be built the way they are, as beautiful and amazing communities. In recognition of the city's own popularity and to promote more development of a similar nature to the existing stock, the city encourages construction, especially in popular, densely-settled neighborhoods. Parking requirements, then, are entirely illogical. In effect, they are saying the following: "We want you to come to our wonderful and popular older neighborhoods and build new structures to increase housing supply and affirm the desirability of neighborhoods like these. But you must build in a way that could never have produced such neighborhoods, had our requirements been in place when they were created." Obviously this makes no sense. Urban neighborhoods flourished before parking requirements; the city must eliminate parking requirements to allow for their successful spatial logic and to remove a major hindrance to their future health.

- Thomas Nasvytis

The most vibrant and thriving neighborhoods in our city are those which favor walkability, row houses and on-street parking over drivability, large suburban-style tracts of land and garage parking. Washington, DC has the potential to become one of the finest urban centers in the world, on par with New York, London, Tokyo and Paris. One of the simplest steps to take in that

direction is to banish unnecessary and unwelcoming parking lots and garages in order to create intimate, welcoming environs for residents, visitors and even commuters.

- Tom Buttry

My husband and I managed to find a home in a historic, rowhouse neighborhood, and truly treasure its walkable features. We are the envy of our friends living in more car-intensive neighborhoods--we enjoy a vibrant neighborhood community that is RELIANT on the close proximity of our rowhouses. No one mourns the lack of parking requirements--the fact that we are able to live car-free is one of the best things about the neighborhood, gives it its character, and makes it such a desirable address.

In today's world of climate change and rising fuel costs, we should be emulating the model of the rowhouse neighborhoods with their dense growth, transit-friendly structures, and walkability. Arbitrary parking requirements smack of a suburban mindset. Such a mindset is the antithesis of the very thing that makes these rowhouse neighborhoods so special.

- M Edmunds

As someone who lives in DC and owns a car, I would like to voice my support for the proposed revisions to DC's parking laws. While I certainly understand the allure of convenient parking, the costs of encouraging too much parking far outweigh the benefits. I enjoy living in DC because of its dense and vibrant neighborhoods, and the proposed revisions will encourage development that will not only lead to a better quality of life for DC residents but will also be environmentally sustainable.

- Matthew Wilshire
