

Thank you Chairman Hood, Vice Chairman Cohen and Commissioners
Testimony in Support of Case 08-06A, C parking

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DC resident since 1992. Lived in Wards 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

Strong supporter of these changes proposed by the Zoning Commission.

Glad to see more multi-modal systems. Like ^{84%}~~1/3~~ of D.C. households, I do not own a car. *I value our transit rich region.*
my wife owns 1

I used to own a car – I even owned an off-street parking spot -- but as soon as Zipcar came into my U street neighborhood, I sold it and have been car-free since 2000. *I love being car-free!*

Zip car, car2go, bike share, my own bike and public transportation provide most of my transportation needs.

transit zones
By right reduction
I strongly support lowering and eliminating parking minimums.

I lived in the 1700 block of U Street NW for 16 years and our 12 unit building had six parking spots, which was more than the residents of our building had cars. We were close to so many buses and Metro stops, we did not need to own cars. Many of the buildings in our neighborhood had very limited parking (one or two spots for a four or six unit building) yet people were clamoring to live there.

only 3 units had cars.

I now live near Barney Circle and am eager to see it developed to provide much needed rental housing. There are large parcels of land that are being transformed from pizza shops and used car lots to higher density apartments.

These apartments are within a few blocks of the Potomac Metro. The people renting these apartments do not need to have parking spaces.

I work on Capitol Hill which is about two miles away. There are so many young people who want to live near their jobs but have trouble finding anything nearby. Few of these people own a car. They prefer commuting by bike and public transit. Building more apartments helps our city grow.

Yet higher parking minimums make housing more expensive. Some estimate that each parking space costs \$15,000-\$25,000.

I support removing minimum parking in the expanded downtown.

I support standardizing the minimum parking requirement in multi-family residential to 1 parking space for three or four ^{or six} homes – or even ^{fewer} ~~more~~ depending on the need.

I am glad that car sharing and bike parking is included in the building requirements.

Thank you for your efforts to make Washington, DC a more livable community. I support the Zoning Commission's plans and thank you for your leadership.

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