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Dear Council,

I write to express my favor for eliminating parking minimums for developers. I feel we need to get more housing, and more affordable housing, into our community or risk losing out both to continued opportunities for young people who have grown up here to stay and start families and for others moving into our community as well. Trading requirements for pavement on private property for incentive to build more housing can only help.

It makes little sense to me for the council to (in addition to all the other things you must do) regulate a thing that the market will take care of -- if people want parking, it will be built in or they will chose places that have it. We have ample parking in town, especially on streets. I don't think I've ever had to walk more than three blocks to get anywhere I needed to even during the busiest times of the year and even downtown. Sacrificing private property development needs when by default we have public parking available on virtually every street that we by default need to maintain in our city doesn't make sense. Having more housing on the other hand should encourage more development with less red tape, lower prices, and stem our constant loss of younger people starting families to places like Holmen and Onalaska as prices continue to rise there.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I appreciate all of your efforts to steer our city into the future.

Best,
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