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Hello,

My name is Orion Roen, City of La Crosse Resident, and I am writing to express my full support of agenda item 24-1323 for the Common Council meeting on 12/12/2024, to remove all of the off-street parking requirements.

These requirements make it difficult for developers, homeowners, and prospective buyers of property to build in residential lots. These parking requirements also create a burden for those building on lots by adding unnecessary parking to places that do not need/want it. The city is already supplied with plentiful amounts of on street parking.

A few examples: 1. A nonprofit on a limited budget building a home, must provide unnecessary parking at an added cost that they may not want/need to build. That parking space(s) could be used for another project which could allow the lot size to conform to the construction of two homes on that lot. 2. A new homeowner/prospective builder had a home lot within blocks of downtown and does not drive/own a car. That person is required to build that parking at a unnecessary cost to that person for something that will be unused. 3. Removing the minimums would allow for more green space and more creative development over time, while also saving the cities precious low amount of land left to be developed. Some changes make take years to see any effect, but changing this now will improve our future. 4. Allowing the developer/homeowner to decide their parking needs will be beneficial to all involved and will eliminate unnecessary extra delays to projects to “waiver” the lower parking needs. The removals of the minimums will allow for more streamlined development with less delays.

I hope the Council votes to eliminate these parking minimums to create a brighter future for our city that we all love.

With thanks,

Orion Roen