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I am pleased that the city is looking into reforming their residential parking rules. Last year I looked into building a home here in La Crosse and the city's parking restrictions were a big reason why this was unfeasible. It added about 12% to the total cost of the project. These parking mandates restrict the amount of housing, increase the cost of living and make this city less climate resilient. I am excited that this was recommended by the city plan commission and I hope that you will support parking reform.

I would also like to point out that much of the city is in violation of this parking restriction. My parents live in the city and they use their garage to store lawn equipment, a violation of the requirement for two off street parking spaces. I don't know if any specific data exists on this, but when I walk my dog it appears that most of my neighbors don't meet the parking restrictions by using their driveways and garages to store objects that are not automobiles.

Unnecessary requirements like this prevent La Crosse residents from accessing stable housing and prevent much needed development. I encourage you to look at the positive benefits that have come to other cities that have removed parking mandates.

Have a great day
Bill Bonadurer