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Chairman Poole and Planning Commissioners,

On behalf of RVA YIMBY, I'm writing to submit a petition in support of Ordinance 2023-101, repealing Richmond's parking minimums. It has been signed by 188 Richmonders and the district break down is as follows:

- 42 people from the 1st District
- 20 people from the 2nd District
- 6 people from the 3rd District
- 12 people from the 4th District
- 25 people from the 5th District
- 14 people from the 6th District
- 26 people from the 7th District
- 1 person from the 8th District
- 3 people from the 9th District
- 30 people who either didn't know their district number or do not live in city limits

Please include this district breakdown and petition in the official public comment.

Your neighbors,
RVA YIMBY

RVA YIMBY is a coalition of Richmonders supporting abundant, accessible, and affordable housing.

CC - City Council Members

Dear Richmond Planning Commission,

188 people have signed a petition in support Ordinance 2023-101, repealing Richmond's parking minimums.

Here is the petition they signed:

> We, the undersigned, support the wholesale elimination of parking minimums in the City of Richmond.
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> Eliminating parking minimums does not mean eliminating parking.
>
> Repealing parking minimums means repealing an arbitrary and expensive government mandate that increases the cost of housing. One parking spot costs between $10,000-$25,000 and the expense is passed onto the renter or homebuyer, driving rent or mortgage payments up $200-$500 per month. Furthermore, that parking takes up valuable land that could be used for homes, contributes to the heat island effect, and exacerbates flooding during heavy rain events.
>
> House people, not cars. Please support the repeal of Richmond's parking minimums.

You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Your neighbors,

RVA YIMBY

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1. Aidan Reider (*4th District)*
Let's be a leader to the rest of Virginia and take a step towards a denser, more walkable city.

2. Doug Allen (*5th District)*
Repealing mandatory parking minimums is one of the most important actions necessary for improving housing affordability. It would also reduce a major barrier for small business owners in the city. Please support across the board city-wide parking minimum repeal.

3. Allison Beatty (*2nd District)*

4. Alex Fisher (*7th District)*

5. Amy Garber (*2nd District)*
Please build housing and stores instead of parking lots.

6. Luis Andrade (*1st District)*

7. Andrew Murphy (*4th District)*

8. Andrew Sommer (*4th District)*
End parking minimums! We have plenty of parking already! Improve public transit instead!

9. Andy Boenau (*1st District)*
Please abolish minimum parking requirements.

10. Michael Sheehan (*4th District)*

11. Paul Cox (*4th District)*

12. Austin Buckley (*1st District)*
More car-free zones in downtown Richmond!

13. Bianka Michalski (*7th District)*

14. Brian Williams (*3rd District)*
More affordable housing, now!

15. Liddy Ballard (*4th District)*

16. Benjamin Braman (*2nd District)*
Richmond is a terrible city but this would make it less terrible

17. Barry Greene Jr. (*9th District)*

18. William Rider (*1st District)*
Drop the minimums and build more housing!

19. Bobby Bowen (*6th District)*

20. Brandon Dupert *(1st District)*

21. Brian Bills (*2nd District)*

22. Brian Coffill (*N/A)*

23. Robert Brown (*7th District)*

24. Andrew Bryant (*7th District*
I think it's a great idea that will lower housing costs and promote transit oriented development.

25. Ben Wong (*1st District)*

26. Carissa Ferguson (*1st District)*

27. Carrie Hamilton (*5th District)*

28. Cara Boim (*4th District)*

29. Christopher Emmanuelli (*5th District)*

30. Christopher Barras (*5th District)*
I'm very much on board with this and willing to make my voice heard in any forum. I am a business owner and a resident here. This is absolutely the right move.

31. Christine Gomez (*1st District)*

32. Christian Schick (*7th District)*

33. Claire Lafoon (*1st District)*

34. Caitie Rountree (*7th District)*

35. Colin Baumgartner (*1st District)*
No more wasted space in Richmond! We need to use available space for housing & more parks! Public transport not parking lots.

36. Colin Burch (*5th District)*

37. Collin Fitzsimmons (*N/A)*

38. Evan Price (*6th District)*

39. Daniel Greene (*N/A)*
Please examine what percentage of our city is already devoted to parking and realize that meeting a never ending demand for "more" parking space will slowly erode away what few walkable living spaces Richmond still offers.

40. Dan Motta (*2nd District)*
Protect the character of our city by eliminating parking minimums.

41. Vanessa Dieterly (*7th District)*

42. Stephen Dixon (*1st District)*
We need a walkable transit oriented city, not endless empty parking garages!

43. Derek Washam *(5th District)*

44. Sarah Dougherty (*1st District)*

45. Daniel Ahrens (*1st District)*

46. Dondi Stroma (*2nd District)*
Building developers should be allowed to determine for themselves whether their customers need parking or not, and how much. Government mandated minimums are inefficient and can cause valuable land to be wasted.

47. Elizabeth Peterson (*3rd District)*

48. Elle De La Cancela (*7th District)*

49. Ella Hoeppner (*7th District)*

50. Emily Routman (*2nd District)*

51. Emily Satterwhite (*1st District)*

52. Elizabeth Johnson (*N/A)*

53. Elizabeth Knowles (*N/A)*

54. Erica Medina (*1st District)*

55. Ali Faruk (*3rd District)*

56. Sarah Webb (*9th District)*
Would love to see some more multi-use in neighborhoods, allowing for a more walkable city.

Our streets are already oversaturated with cars, let's cut the cord!

57. Fay Carsons (*N/A)*

58. Momin Khan (*5th District)*

59. Geneva Weidhaas (*N/A)*

60. Abraham Calhoun (*N/A)*

61. Garrett Poehler (*7th District)*

62. David Warner (*4th District)*

63. Gia Colgan (*1st District)*

64. Gillian Pressman (*1st District)*
Richmond has all the raw material to be a superstar city with a booming economy and vibrant cultural opportunities but we won't get there unless we let more people in. Getting rid of parking minimums is a no-brainer way to allow more housing. There are no coats to doing this; where parking is necessary it will be added anyway, and extremely high benefit: where parking is not necessary, outdated requirements are just needlessly blocking housing. Richmond should join cities across the country that are wisening up about parking requirements and get rid of them!

65. Mae Tilley (*N/A)*

66. Samuel Masse (*2nd District)*
Cars are government subsidized.

67. Elizabeth Green (*1st District)*

68. Gabriel Salmon (*7th District)*

69. Han Jones (*N/A)*

70. Hannah Mchugh (*2nd District)*

71. Kiera Hintz (*N/A)*

72. Austin Hobson (*3rd District)*

73. Conner Kasten (*2nd District)*

74. Haley Minter (*5th District)*

75. Peter Lyon Huff (*7th District)*

76. Matt Hughes (*4th District)*

77. Jessica Baker (*5th District)*

78. Jack Anderson (*1st District)*
House people, not cars

79. Jacob Harless (*1st District)*
We desperately need this! Helps small business and housing. Build cities for cars not people!

80. Jake Thompson (*1st District)*

81. James van Emmerik (*4th District)*

82. Jason Garrigan (*4th District)*

83. Jason Morris (*2nd District)*

84. Doug Bowman (*1st District)*

85. Jeffery Harper (*5th District)*

86. Jenny Cox (*6th District)*
There are already numerous parking garages in the Gateway district/city center taking up valuable space. We don’t need more parking.

87. Jennifer Surratt (*3rd District)*

88. Jessie Hart (*3rd District)*

89. Jake Felle (*1st District)*

90. Joh Gehlbach (*N/A)*

91. Julie Gassaway (*N/A)*

92. John Mantia (*N/A)*

93. Jodi Dubyoski (*7th District)*
In my role as an architect, I frequently work with small business owners who are impacted by the existing minimums. Many of them are moving into existing buildings where it isn't possible to provide the required parking (Church Hill, Hull St, Chamberbrook).
So, we go through the administrative process of appealing the parking requirement, which is often approved because they are small businesses that neighborhoods want. In effect, all this does is: 1. Add time to an already lengthy permitting process
2. Add additional expense in fees to the City AND paying me to handle the application process
3. Pile more work on to an already overburdened planning department
Minimum parking requirements put undue pressure on the small businesses that make our neighborhoods great. I am in strong support of eliminating them for this reason in addition to the other reasons listed in the attached letter.

94. John Hewitt (*6th District)*

95. Jordan Maslyn (*1st District)*

96. Joseph Carlisle (*6th District)*
Quit with the parking. Let's build the density this city needs!

97. Joshua Baker (*5th District)*

98. Jonathan Chan (*7th District)*

99. Juliana Dzura (*N/A)*

100. Justin Carpenter (*1st District)*

101. Justin West (*N/A)*

102. John Barclay (*2nd District)*

103. Kristen Benjamin (*7th District)*

104. Kelley Losier (*2nd District)*
Please end parking minimums citywide.

105. Kevin Cianfarini (*7th District)*

106. Kevin Healy (*5th District)*

107. Kiana Pilson (*7th District)*

108. Kyeong Ri Yu (*N/A)*
Signed!

109. Katie Evans (*N/A)*
Excessive parking lots make cities harder to live in, as it leaves less room for sidewalks, stores and housing.

110. Julia Laing (*1st District)*

111. Lance Warren (*1st District)*

112. Lark Washington (*6th District)*

113. Christopher Law (*5th District)*

114. Lawson Wijesooriya (*7th District)*
Please support the elimination of parking minimums as one of many zoning remedies we need to

make to meet our housing needs in the City of Richmond.

115. Lee Brunjes (*7th District)*

116. Daniel Lee (*7th District)*
Thousands of sqft wasted on empty patches of asphalt and gravel! If we want Richmond to grow we need to make use of all this wasted land.

117. Linda Childs (*1st District)*
It is time to support both public transportation and families in need of housing, NOT more cars.

118. Lucy Anderson (*6th District)*
More housing please

119. Alyssa Gagne (*N/A)*

120. Mason Mairead (*5th District)*
After attending multiple sessions with the planning department through focus groups and public presentations, I fully support the effort to end parking minimums in Richmond.

121. Linda Wales (*N/A)*
I would like to see more affordable housing and less encouragement of vehicular traffic. Eliminating the parking requirements for building should help discourage use of private cars, increase land available for building homes and reduce the cost of new homes.

122. Marcus Werner (*N/A)*

123. Mary Kay Avula (*7th District)*

124. Matthew Szucs (*5th District)*

125. Matthew Wester (*1st District)*

126. Matthew Larson (*N/A)*
I live in Alexandria and love taking Amtrak to downtown Richmond for day trips. I don't need a car when I visit and would love to see more small businesses creatively use their excess parking capacity.

127. Megan Cruz (*5th District)*
I support ending parking minimums.

128. Michael Grabow (*3rd District)*
Car oriented transportation planning>decreased safety and convenience for other modes of transportation>increase in car traffic> increase in investment in car infrastructure>increase in car traffic>increase in crashes, carbon emissions, air/noise pollution>degradation of cities and increase in

suburban sprawl>car oriented land use planning>increase in distances>increase of car ownership>car oriented transportation planning.

We have to start to break the cycle of car dependency. Drivers directly kill over 100 people every single day in the US alone and seriously injure and indirectly kill countless more. The average *annual* cost of car ownership for a new vehicle was nearly $11,000 in 2022. It’s an incredible burden on people and a drain on the local economy as is the sprawl and congestion it causes.

129. Miranda Montgomery (*6th District)*

130. Nadim Keval (*1st District)*

131. Nathan Knouse (*N/A)*

132. Nicholas Feucht (*2nd District)*

133. Nicole Dann (*N/A)*

134. Amanda Cioffi (*1st District)*

135. Noah Holmes Foster (*2nd District)*
This will effectively lower development costs. The City should look into implementing parking MAXIMUMS to ensure that as much land is used for housing and businesses, rather than parking.

136. Sven Philipsen (*5th District)*

137. David Ross (*1st District)*

138. Raul Gonzalez (*1st District)*

139. Richard Bailey (*N/A)*
Richmond native here, parking minimums force businesses to accommodate noise and exhaust pollution to the detriment of people who actually live there. The charm of old neighborhoods like carytown and the fan are that they are walkable, and don't require cars to get around. End parking minimums so people can enjoy being people, connected to each other, and not isolated by cement and machines.

140. Ellen Abernathy (*1st District)*

141. Richard Flintzer (*2nd District)*

142. Rick Metzger (*5th District)*

143. Riley Champine (*4th District)*

144. Robert Fortunato (*7th District)*

145. Ruth Twiggs (*5th District)*

146. Zaina Salman (*1st District)*
None

147. Nick Driscoll (*2nd District)*

148. Jonathan Sanford (*8th District)*

149. Peter Scheible (*1st District)*

150. Jenna Schiferl (*N/A)*

151. Scott Neaves (*9th District)*
Ending parking minimums will reduce rents and home prices, and enable developers to build the walkable city that residents demand.

152. Sean Welsh (*3rd District)*

153. Shalin Kapil (*6th District)*

154. Sheryl Johnson (*3rd District)*

155. Sam Kenny (*N/A)*
I support

156. Sarah Carpenter (*7th District)*
Please establish parking maximums as well!

157. Samuel Jones (*5th District)*

158. Stephen Guenther (*6th District)*

159. Stephen Cummings (*3rd District)*
Richmond must be a leader in smart land use that unwinds nearly a century of automobile-centric planning. We are fortunate to have the bones for a truly pedestrian-scale city, and to reap all the benefits that way of planning provided. And it's the right think to do for the planet as well. Think generations ahead instead of with short-term thinking.

160. Sydney Thompson (*N/A)*

161. Tom Anesta (*6th District)*

162. Tara FitzPatrick (*2nd District)*
Parking minimums are bad land use, a waste of money, and contribute to sprawl with is environmentally & socially bad for our community. I oppose parking minimums.

163. Taylor Rule (*2nd District)*

164. Tyler Brown (*5th District)*

165. Tommy Ryan (*5th District)*

166. Jennifer Elsner (*N/A)*

167. David Maughan (*6th District)*
I support the elimination of required parking minimums.

168. James Gillespie (*4th District)*

169. Thomas Tedesco (*4th District)*

170. Tyler Ladner (*1st District)*

171. Taylor Harper (*7th District)*

172. Temple Woodard (*1st District)*

173. Tyler Cook (*1st District)*

174. Vincent Jacobucci (*5th District)*

175. Weston Baselj (*1st District)*

176. David Whitehouse (*4th District)*

177. Michael Wiebe (*N/A)*
As a Henrico resident, I support elimination of parking minumums so that more people have places to live. If I or my neighbors want to drive into Richmond, we can park somewhere and walk a few blocks or take the bus.

178. William Wilson (*2nd District)*

179. William Gonzalez (*1st District)*

180. WIlliam Watson (*3rd District)*

181. William Cabell (*4th District)*

182. Wyatt Gordon (*6th District)*
The government has no right telling people how many parking spaces they have to provide. End socialism for cars!

183. Zach Pauley (*6th District)*

184. Zach Reuss (*5th District)*

185. Zakk August (*5th District)*

186. Isaiah Cabino (*1st District)*

187. Zach Harwood (*3rd District)*