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I would like to provide the following comment concerning the proposed parking ordinance.

I have no personal concerns with the concept of parking minimums. A number of factors influence the final decision for each project under consideration; available existing parking spaces, proximity to alternate transit, changes in urban design, etc.

My concern is how the city expects to manage curbside electric vehicle charging. Unlike gas stations, I doubt electric charging stations will be constructed considering one can do it safely at home overnight. Currently, when walking in the FAN, I encounter a half dozen or so power cords stretched across the sidewalk. I realize there is an existing ordinance prohibiting sidewalk hazards, but as the number of electric vehicles (EV) increase the problems will increase. In just a few years a half dozen will become a few hundred. Simply telling residents (such as in the FAN) they cannot charge their EVs at home unless they have off-street parking is unrealistic. I have not seen an infrastructure plan that will address this.

However, there is one aspect we can consider now. If we are to eliminate parking minimums for new construction, we should seriously consider streetside charging stations or other readily available access as part of each project. I recognize that infrastructure changes/innovation are not developing at the same pace as EVs, again due to a number of factors including cost. Still, some mention should be part of the new ordinance.

As gas stations begin to close electric charging stations will not replace them. Simply holding a homeowner responsible for any injury/liability will not work either in the long run. The time

to address this issue is now - not when it becomes a huge civic problem.

Thank you,

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