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My reaction to the elimination of the parking minimums is "the fix is in." I've lived in many places and the ability of developers to manipulate the political system with campaign contributions, heavy lobbying of the government staffs, and lots of public relations funds is amazing if troubling.

I've owned my own business. Of course I want to minimize my costs. I hate regulations that increase my costs. But as a citizen, I depend on my elected representatives not to be so bribed by campaign contributions and swayed by continual communications with the developers that they give in to their wishes.

I agree that as RVA gets more urban and vertical we're using more public transit and bicycles. Still most people require one car per person. Living in the Fan district I know what that does to parking. Until there is real evidence - not just paid developer speculation - that less parking is needed, we should keep the parking minimums. As the regulators in my field say, "sorry about the regulations but there's only so much (physics) space; we made these rules for equitable sharing."

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