Public Comment received for TA2023-0001 Parking Policy and Code Project between 2/9/23 - 2/21/23

Jena Hughes

From: Peter Linsky sy911@comcast.net>
Friday, February 10, 2023 9:23 AM

To: Jena Hughes

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Parking space dimensions

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Good morning and thank you for the reply. My address is:

14090 SW Wilson Drive Beaverton 97008

It is not uncommon to enter a parking lot or garage and find any number of huge pickup trucks sticking out into the driving lanes...

Cheers!

Peter

From: Jena Hughes [mailto:jhughes@beavertonoregon.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 7:45 AM

To: Peter Linsky

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Parking space dimensions

Hi Peter,

Thanks for your email. Would you like the Planning Commission to receive a copy of your email with the link to the article? If so, please reply back with your address for the record (This will be used to send you a notice of Planning Commission's decision).

Best, Jena

Jena Hughes

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From: Peter Linsky <linsky911@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 2:04 PM

To: Jena Hughes <jhughes@beavertonoregon.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Parking space dimensions

Importance: High

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Dear Ms. Hughes, in regard to the just-sent notice from the city of Beaverton regarding an update to the Parking Policy and Code Project, I wanted to share with you an interesting news item I saw this week.

American Cars Are Getting Too Big For Parking Spaces

The changes to parking space standards have not kept up with the explosion in vehicle sizes.

Read in VICE: https://apple.news/AnYL01mAMQTOgsKw0U19vmw

Shared from Apple News

Peter Línsky

From: Adam Crowell <sobakawa89@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 12:48 PM

To: Jena Hughes

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parking Policy and Code Project

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Hello,

How do I log a complaint over the poorly proposed Parking Code change?

The change would result in the opportunity for private land developers to charge rent for parking and, even while meeting the paltry "green" requirements proposed, would allow them to use space for more over priced housing. The other result will be displaced parking onto city streets conflicting with residential suburban homes including more noise pollution and reduced property values.

Thanks,

Adam Crowell Beaverton Resident

From: Tim Q <tim.q@posteo.de>

Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 8:40 AM

To: Jena Hughes

Subject: [EXTERNAL] TA2023-0001 Parking Policy and Code Project Text Amendment

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stop adding more bureaucracy to small business and stop pushing more costly regulation under the guise of climate change - NOT EVERYTHING is attributable to climate change

From: Matt Wyckoff <mattwyckoff1991@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 6:30 PM **To:** Mailbox CDD Planning; Jena Hughes

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parking Policy and Code Project Text Amendment - TA2023-0001

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Hello

I am writing to voice my strong support of the proposed parking code changes. Removing parking minimums city wide increases citizen liberty and allows the market to better value the high cost parking spaces impose on our properties.

"Parking minimums cost the public in the form of extra infrastructure that must service all that parking — but without the taxable value to recoup public investment." (from and more information at: https://www.strongtowns.org/parking).

Where there is parking (because removing government mandated parking does not mean there will be no parking) mandating electric vehicle charging infrastructure is a good idea, too. For the electric vehicle charging infrastructure, please consider the inclusion of capabilities that support charging of ebikes, <u>et.al</u>.

Thank you and have a nice day.

-Matt

From: Mailbox CDD Planning

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 10:54 AM

To: Jena Hughes

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Parking Policy and Code Project Text Amendment

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Hi Jena,

Public comment for CFEC.

Thank you,

Brett Cannon

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My office workdays are Tuesdays and Wednesdays

My remote workdays are Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays

From: Matthew <mac10688@proton.me> Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 8:23 PM

To: Mailbox CDD Planning < Mailbox CDD Planning @beavertonoregon.gov > **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Parking Policy and Code Project Text Amendment

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Case File Number: TA2023-0001

Project Name: Parking Policy and Code Project Text Amendment

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm 34 and I've been owning cars since I was 17 years old. I support this initiative 100%. It's time to reclaim our city from cars and make it more walkable and livable. There are better forms of commuting and we can look at the Netherlands as a model for what that could look like. Scooters, e-bikes, bicycles, public transportation. I've recently been watching youtube channels "Not Just Bikes", "Shifter", "City Beautiful" and I realize now that there are MUCH better alternatives than using a car. Reducing parking space will encourage people to discover these other possibilities.

Thanks,

Matthew Cooper

From: christopher.korenthal <christopher.korenthal@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:18 AM

To: Jena Hughes

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Hearing Notice "Climate-Friendly and Equitable Parking"

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Jena,

I received this notice. Question. Why don't we work on bettering our schools, reducing crime with focusing on mental health, cleaning graffiti and cleaning up homeless camps in getting them help prior to focusing on Climate-Friendly and Equitable parking? Crime has skyrocketed, our schools are ranked some of the lowest in the country; let me say that again, crime has skyrocketed, our schools are ranked some of the lowest in the country. This year I will pay over \$7,000 in property taxes, over \$7,000. Through the years Beaverton has mismanaged my taxes and this notice was my "last straw". I reject funds being allocated for Climate-Friendly and Equitable Parking and any elected Beaverton official that supports this will never get my vote. Please work on educating our children, helping our homeless and reducing crime. I would appreciate a response back that you have received this and shared it with your fellow colleagues. Thank you for your time.

Christopher Korenthal

P.S. Beaverton do your job.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Robert Frisbie <bobfrisbie52@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2023 9:00 AM

To: Jena Hughes
Cc: Robert Frisbie

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case File No TA2023-0001

Attachments: 2-18-23 Frisbie Letter Case - TA2023-0001.pdf

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Attached please find my comments to the subject Amendment.

Bob

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Bob Frisbie, P.E.

Email: bobfrisbie52@gmail.com

Cell: 253.224.3524

February 18, 2023

Robert G. Frisbie 9730 SW 158th Avenue Beaverton, OR 97007

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Phone: 1.253.224.3524

To: City of Beaverton

Jena Hughes, Project Planner

Email: jhughes@beavertonoregon.gov

Phone: 1.503.526.3725

Case File Number: TA2023-0001

Project Name: Parking Policy and Code Project Text Amendment

Dear Ms Hughes:

I am writing concerning the subject case file. My comments are as follows:

- 1. My wife and I own five rental properties in the City along with our single family home at the above address.
- 2. One of the rental properties is a single family home. This home has a double garage and two parking spaces in front of the garage. It also has street parking in front of the home. We support requiring each single family home having two off street parking spaces beside any garage parking. This position is supported by +10 years of experience with this home and neighboring homes whereby street parking is utilized in addition to the garage parking, and off street parking in front of the garages.
- 3. We also own a four plex across from Southridge High School. The building and supporting parking lots provides eight (8) off street parking spaces. These eight parking spaces are filled each and every night. Overflow for visitors is accommodated by street parking which if you visit our building is filled each night. We support every apartment having a parking requirement of two off street spaces for each rental apartment. Drive around Beaverton and you will see overflow from apartments on the adjacent streets. Local neighborhoods have had to come to the City to have night time parking prohibited on the streets fronting their houses because of this overflow. Example, Brecia at SW 155th. The local condo's don't provide sufficient parking to accommodate the residents and hence the overflow. What the State is trying to push Beaverton to do is not supported by the City's existing parking conditions.

EV Charging Stations:

- 1. My wife and I own an EV, 75 kWh battery and have a Level 2 charger in our home.
- 2. We DO NOT SUPPORT having a requirement for condos or apartments to install EV charging stations. The reasons for not supporting a requirement to install charging stations include but are not limited to:
 - a) A stand alone EV charging station installation is about \$15,000. Engineering, permits and installation. This cost has to be paid back to the installer in terms of electricity used, maintenance and depreciation. Today TESLA charges about 2x the cost of electricity to use their fast chargers. If I were to charge 2x the direct cost of electricity, our estimated pay back would be approximately 12 years assuming one 40 kWh charge per day. This is an unacceptable payback based on the risk.
 - b) The landlord must now collect for the cost of electricity used. This would require some kind of credit card billing method and the associated handling charge.
 - c) Assume the charging stations will be Level 2, meaning the EV could be charged in about 7 hours. This means that the charging stations would most likely only be able to accommodate one vehicle per day. Once a tenant plugged in to the charger, then it would not be available until the next morning. What happens if the charger is not working and/or is occupied when a 2nd tenant comes to use the charger?
 - d) EVs are not cheap. How are the renters going to be able to purchase an electric car when they are now struggling to pay their monthly rent and bills? Not probable that they will be purchasing an EV.
 - e) Not a single EV was identified in the area of our 4-plex at the time of this writing.
 - f) It took greater than 70 years to install the infrastructure to support ICE vehicles. We believe it unrealistic to believe the transformation to BEVs in the timetable set out by the legislator is achievable.
 - g) The charging stations belong where they can be accessed by multiple BEVs each day, think of them as being just like a gasoline station.
 - h) The legislature has decreed that power companies like PGE must be generating all their electricity using GREEN generators in the near future. This had an estimated cost to PGE and to their customers of \$1 Billion in 2022 dollars. The result of this is the price of electricity will be increasing to residential customers at the rate of 8 to 15% a year for the next ten years. This continuous high rate cost increase will detract from tenants purchasing BEVs.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1. In order to accommodate bicycles, the right-of-way must be widened by 20%. Currently this cost is paid for by gasoline taxes and general revenue collected taxes. I suggest we begin licensing bikes in the same way as we license snow mobiles and motorcycles. Let's collect the revenue from them to fund the road improvements to accommodate them and to maintain these road/bike path improvements.
- 2. Most of the Tri-MET bus stops do not have pull outs from the roads and as a result, cars must stop behind the buses until the bus completes its load and unload operation. It appears to reduce the capacity of the lane being blocked to 70%. We suggest the City pass an ordinance requiring Tri-MET to purchase and install full bus pull outs on any street that has a gross total ADT of 10,000 vehicles or more. Additionally, the ordinance could give Tri-MET five (5) years to put this in place and the ordinance should fine any bus driver that doesn't get 100% of the bus into the pull out and out of the active driving lane a fine of \$500.00 per occurrence.

SUMMARY:

We do not support requiring less than two (2) parking spaces per unit and we do not support landlords having to install EV charging stations.

Call/email with any questions.

Robert G. Frisbie, P.E.

From: Michael and Joanne Love <lovemijo@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2023 9:18 PM

To: Jena Hughes

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parking policy/code project text amendment

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The amendment addresses the greenway, parking spaces for electric cars, and number of spaces per unit.

However, nothing is addressed about handicapped spaces or a need to make 15 minute parking spaces to keep people from parking, long term, in the spaces nearest condo or apartment doorways.

We live at On the Green Condominiums. Each condo is assigned 1 covered space.

All other parking has open use by anyone. (There are day limits on unregistered cars). This means some residents park in the closest spaces indefinately, day and night, keeping others from ever being able to park nearby to load or unload their car.

Often, a homeowner, especially an older person, would like to park closer than their assigned space to unload or pack up their car, thus, a 15 minute parking space here and there, depending on the housing configuration, would be welcome.

Some folks have great difficulty walking much distance or use additional implements to get around.

Thus, the need for handicapped parking here and there, depending on the configuration of the condos or apartments. I actually thought there were rules in place to provide accessible parking spaces in parking lots.

The same reasoning, as in the above example, applies here, for those who find it difficult to walk a distance.

Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration.

From: Soren Knudsen <nerosnesdunk@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 3:47 PM

To: Jena Hughes

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: testimony for TA2023-001

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I suspect no testimony will actually change Beaverton policy as it looks like this policy is for the city to comply with state rules. But if there is a way to not implement the proposed changes I would strongly argue for this as it discriminates towards the working poor and will increase global warming.

Requiring landlords to put in expensive charging/parking station will force the landlord to pass those costs on to the tenants, therefore making any they have to comply less affordable, a key driver in our high homelessness. An apartment owner should make the trade off decision of putting in electrical charging stations to attract electrical vehicle owners, but not be forced to provide this and driving up costs.

Reducing parking, has never and will never cause an increased use of public transportation. What it will do is burn more gas for working class people who live in such apartments to drive further to find a parking spot.

Lastly, few small business can survive on only 2 employees and 3 customers (the new suggested maximum number of parking for 1,000 square foot business). Let people build however many parking spots they want for their units/business customers. Looking for parking burns gas, it's a key reason why china's pollution is so high.. it's not the number of cars, it's the fact there is no where to park them, so they congest the highways and roads poluting.

While I understand the intents here to reduce vehicle ownership as the method to reduce climate change, I think the solutions presented lack full understanding of how this will playout: It will hurt the climate, and the poorest of our working class. Let's get more affordable housing built by lowering the burden of providing new multi-family housing, not increasing it.

Soren Knudsen

From: Manetta Andrew <manetta.andrew@consolidatedsupply.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:06 PM

To: Jena Hughes

Subject: [EXTERNAL] TA2023-0001

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Good Morning,

Thank you for letting us know about the changes in parking and etc.

I am concerned about the plan because of the impact it will have on parking. If an apartment complex or multi-family project is not required to have parking they will not allocate parking on their property. It is very limited parking in our neighborhood already. This is due mostly to the fact the city removed parking on both sides of Lombard Ave from 7th to Allen. Our visitors and those from our neighbors used to park on the street in front of our house. Now they have to park on 7th or 9th or on Franklin.

If more development is intended for our neighborhoods, please make parking a huge consideration.

It would be great if one side of Lombard could have parking. (I am home frequently during the day and I cant remember the last time I saw a bicycle on our street)

Thank you for your time.

M Andrew 5275 SW Lombard Beav OR 97005

Manetta Andrew | General Accountant 15895 SW 72nd Ave Ste100, Tigard, OR 97224

