

Planning Assistant

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(Ajah, can you please send this to the planning commission, the council and the mayor?

Dear PC & Council members

I would like to propose a new idea for First Street. This idea starts with two basics that will allow for incremental change. The first basic is to write an ordinance that limits how long a vehicle can be parked on First Street. This won't be easy to craft but it needs to be done. I understand that enforcement is an issue but since the offenders are known, enforcement won't be that hard. Random enforcement of rules is an effective tactic. And most people are compliant.

The second change is easier. Make the south parking lot free. Advertise the fact. Include the idea that the spots are numerous and wide. And possibly make some of the spots available to the locals who have nowhere else to park. Perhaps those spots could be at the far end of the south lot. Make the northern part of the lot for elders/seniors.

Include in the new parking ordinances that parked vehicles be registered and in working order.

On First Street, allow parallel parking on the right side of the street only. Make the rest of the street be two lanes, one in each direction. Label both lanes "sharrows". (All lanes are technically sharrows but this would remind people of the fact.)

For drivers with passengers who can't walk far - create a north drop off place on or near Morris or NorthFirst and a central drop off spot by the restroom or the drop off by Maple Hall.

This arrangement would accomplish more room for emergency vehicles and keep our biking visitors and residents safer. This would also help with the issue of people parking on the hill.

Cheers,

Linda Talman

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The only real job of a public official is to make their grandchildren proud. That's called vision.....

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