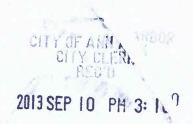
September 4, 2013



Mr. F. Pat McIntee and Mrs. J. Coralynn McIntee 2248 Prairie Street Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McIntee,

Thank you very much for letter conveying concerns about the accessible parking spaces within the Maynard parking structure. I very much appreciated that you took the time to talk with us, and to assemble ideas we could work with to make things better. Today I met with members of my staff to talk about these ideas, and have some preliminary feedback.

Idea number 1: relocate more accessible spaces to the first floor. This would be an optimal solution, but unfortunately the structure was constructed with almost no flat areas on the first floor which is a requirement for an accessible parking space under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Idea number 2: Use the configurations permitted by Federal 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, rather than the configurations currently in use in the structure. I have asked my staff and staff at Republic Parking to explore this question.

Idea number 3: Relocate 3 of the 6 accessible spaces on the 2nd level to the 3rd level, to the right of the elevator. This seems like a good idea, particularly if this area next to the elevator is flat. I've asked my staff and staff at Republic Parking to explore this question.

Idea number 4: Make the two spaces facing Thompson Street near the up ramp into two 11 foot accessible spaces. Unfortunately, this area near the up ramp isn't flat, and won't allow us to make this into accessible parking spaces.

Mr. and Ms. McIntee, your letter was very helpful, and you've given us important insights and good ideas to pursue. Please know that we take your concerns very seriously, and will be working to make improvements where ever we can. I'm very grateful you took the time to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Pollay, Executive Director

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