



# Old West Side Association

Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Howard Lazarus  
City Administrator  
City of Ann Arbor  
Larcom City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

RE: Specific Location Amendment of OWS Residential Parking District on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Dear Mr. Lazarus,

The Board of the Old West Side Association supports the proposed amendment of the OWS Residential Parking District to designate eight 30-minute parking spaces on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between West William and West Liberty Streets near the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Liberty.

Members liked the concept of providing more restricted parking near St. Paul Lutheran Church, Downtown Home and Garden (DHG) and Argus Farm Stop from the moment the proposal was brought to our attention.

While DHG and the Church arguably have their own parking, Argus does not. Argus traffic warrants provision of parking for this popular destination. The Old West Side neighborhood definitely wants to support this important neighborhood business. We believe this change will also foster improved access for those needing to park a little closer to St. Paul or for shops in the Main Street area.

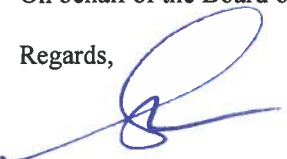
The residential parking permit district will not be impaired with what is a more restrictive use. In fact, enforcement may benefit. Pedestrian safety and compliance with parking rules definitely will be improved if these new eight thirty-minute areas are regularly monitored. After walking the block and speaking with many in the households, we note driveways and street parking on the rest of the block are more than adequate for the needs of those living on 2<sup>nd</sup> so we report that nearby neighbors also support this change.

Being close to downtown has always meant we need to be diligent in protecting all of our residents while promoting this portion of the pedestrian corridor and the viability of Argus and other businesses on the edge of downtown.

We officially support this change as being good for everyone in the neighborhood as a result.

On behalf of the Board of the Old West Side Association, thanks for taking up this matter and addressing our concerns.

Regards,

  
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