

From: [Shaina Larmee](#)
To: [DDA](#)
Subject: anonymous opinion for Parking Rates
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:53:38 PM

I would personally like to see a decrease in parking prices. For the working class, they are providing the parking structure at least \$9.30/day/person. The only break the working class receives is the weekends.

Best, Anonymous.

From: Sara Davis (Musch)
To: DDA
Subject: Parking Rate Change - Public Discussion
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 10:01:30 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am reaching out regarding the upcoming public hearing concerning potential rate adjustments for the Ann Arbor parking structures. As both a downtown worker and a resident of Ann Arbor, I am invested in the outcome of this discussion.

In light of the gradual recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 on local businesses, I urge the board to carefully consider the ramifications of the proposed rate increases. Many establishments are only beginning to experience a return to normalcy, and a hike in parking fees could pose a significant burden to small, local businesses.

I'd like the board to consider the implementation of discounted or delayed rate adjustments, particularly for the individuals who work downtown and contribute to its vitality. Alternatively, differentiating between peak and off-peak hours for parking rates, could incentivize continued patronage during typical business hours while still encouraging evening and weekend visitors.

Moreover, as a member of a small office with colleagues commuting from outside the city, I understand firsthand the financial strain that parking expenses can impose. Offering affordable parking options can serve as a valuable incentive for employees to frequent downtown establishments, thereby stimulating economic growth for local restaurants and businesses.

By prioritizing accessibility and affordability in Ann Arbor's parking policies, the City can foster a vibrant downtown community and support the ongoing recovery of our local economy.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Sara Davis

From: [Karthik Reddy](#)
To: [DDA](#)
Subject: Rate Changes: Affordable Housing Tenants at City Club Apartments
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 2:56:30 PM

Dear DDA,

I just wanted to pass along some concerns for tenants in Ann Arbor's Affordable Housing program that live at Ann Arbor City Club Apartments, which is built upon First and Washington Parking Structure and serves as the only nearby parking available for our vehicles. We require these vehicles to get to work and are already constrained with income requirements to afford to live within the city.

We would greatly appreciate stability of our parking rates at First and Washington, if possible, due to these concerns over the coming years. Thank you!

Best,
Karthik

From: [Coley Pawlikowski](#)
To: [DDA](#)
Subject: Fwd: Updated Rate Increase Notification
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 6:38:38 PM

Hello,

I am not certain I am able to attend the upcoming meeting in person however I would like to voice a strong opinion AGAINST the pricing increase. Please note the following as feedback given by a resident at the upcoming meeting.

We have lived in 9 various cities domestically, one being in the Lincoln Park neighborhood in Chicago, IL as well as 1 major international city abroad in the 7th most expensive country in the world, and this parking value/cost here is the highest we have seen. We live at City Club, so we have limited options that are all regulated by this department and are all extremely high. We originally looked at the outdoor lots thinking that would be more economical than a garage spot. We were SHOCKED at the price of parking for a dirt/gravel lot full of puddles in inclimate weather. We ended up going with the garage after looking at the other options and comparing pricing.

The rental cost is already exceptionally high in AA, and to pay \$200.00/month more per month to have a vehicle is proving living in the city as unjustifiable and something we will reconsider at the end of our lease terms. Decisions such as we are making will affect the housing in downtown AA, and there is a ripple effect from there.

As a married couple, we actually have 2 vehicles, but there is no way we could swallow \$400/month in parking just to live in an already outragously priced environment. We are fortunate to be able to leave one of our vehicles at work, otherwise we would not have lived where we live.

The pricing aside, to pay \$200.00 for a hang tag that semi frequently does not work is an additional annoyance. We have a rigorous work hours and are on a timely schedule. To have to call semi frequently to get in or out of the lot costing time for something that we pay a hefty premium for is outrageous to consider raising the price of that product to the customer!

In addition to having our car robbed with no resolve, I'd also like to mention the frequency of homeless people lurking in or around the garage. We know there are signs relinquishing the parking services from responsibility and it is park at our own risk, however I do think the security and safety of us and our vehicles in a lot that we pay a heavy premium for should be taken into heavy consideration when evaluating raising cost or not.

Looking at the proposed pay rate scale increases in 2024-2026, this makes parking prices go from outrageous to a reason and need to move and find alternatives. I know for us as downtown tenants, this will definitely require us to reevaluate.

Please confirm receipt of this message.

Thank you,

Coley

From: [Shayan Darvish](#)
To: [DDA](#)
Subject: Feedback for Increasing rates
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:27:27 PM
Attachments: [IMG_6358-modified copy4444.png](#)

Hi,

I am writing to provide my feedback for the newly proposed rates for parking. I am a student at University of Michigan and parking at Liberty Square parking every day. I live in Windsor, Canada and I commute daily to Ann Arbor for classes. I have to say that I am very disappointed when reading about the increasing rates. Ann Arbor is college town and should be welcoming to students and to help them grow, not to be an obstacle for them. The current \$200 a months is already too much for students to pay and the university cannot provide parking for student on campus either. Our only choice is to use the parking lots and the current rates are already a huge burden on us. Every dollar counts for us students, and this increase in rate sounds simply ridiculous to me.

Shayan Darvish, DDS, MSc

From: [oneLux Events](#)
To: [DDA](#)
Subject: Re: Parking increase
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 3:35:19 PM

Hello,

What is the cause for the updated parking fees?

“Cele mai calde urări”,

Dylan J. Ehlert (Eh-l-er-t)

“An Event is not over until everyone is tired of speaking about it” -Unknown

From: [Riley Lulich](#)
To: [DDA](#)
Subject: Regarding the Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 10:35:11 AM

Hello,

My name is Riley Lulich. I am unable to attend the public hearing regarding parking rates due to the fact that it has been scheduled in the middle of the work day, but I would like to share my thoughts on the parking rate increase.

I have an administrative job in downtown Ann Arbor. One of my responsibilities is to be on-site five days a week, eight and a half hours a day, to accept deliveries, answer phone calls, and handle any emergent situations as they occur. I love my job. I love Ann Arbor, too. I've loved it since I moved here over four years ago.

What I don't love is how much I have to pay to work in Ann Arbor. Currently, one month consisting of four five-day work weeks costs \$216. That is just over a fifth of my rent. It costs me over \$2,500 every year to work in Ann Arbor. I am required to pay just over 8% of my wages to continue to have a job.

Public transit is not an option for me. It would more than double my commute time. Additionally, due to a physical disability, there are times that I can't make the walk to, from, and between bus stops.

I don't share this with you because I expect that you will decide not to raise the cost of parking. Instead, I ask you to please consider offering some type of employee pass or deal to ease the financial burden this increase places on those who work in Ann Arbor.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I hope you will consider my suggestion for future implementation.

Sincerely,

Riley Lulich (they/them)

From: [Anthony Perez](#)
To: [DDA](#)
Subject: Re: AA's Insane Monthly Parking Rates
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:55:56 AM

And another thing, the fact that there's a waitlist to get a monthly parking pass when there is seemingly ALWAYS at least one entire floor available in the Library Lane lot makes it seem like you're simply trying to create demand.

On Feb 6, 2024, at 21:32, Anthony Perez wrote:

Hi,

My name is Tony Perez, and I have a monthly parking pass in the Library Lane lot that I have had since 2020. I think it's absolutely ridiculous that you're talking about raising the monthly rates when I'm already paying \$200 per month.

From a very quick Google search, I was able to find monthly parking rates in other US cities. Below is a link to one of them along with the chart shown on the site. Based on this and other sites, little old Ann Arbor is ALREADY in the top 10 most expensive. That is crazy! For example, based on population, **AA has less than 5% of the population compared to Chicago, but our parking rates are higher.** You're saying the increases are needed in order to have a "financially stable parking system", but it sounds like the system is either terribly mismanaged or terribly greedy and gouging the locals. The fact that you're even having a public hearing makes it seem like you're basically just asking if it's ok to charge us more.

If it really is just the cost of doing business and nothing could possibly be cheaper, why are you even asking for our opinions if there's nothing that can be done? Also, the fact that your hearing is in the middle of the day on a Wednesday is maddening. You simply rule out a lot of working people from speaking and require us to email our feedback, which is very easy to ignore. **Will someone even read my email?**

-Tony

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/21/realestate/parking-costs-us-cities.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare&sgrp=c-cb>

From: [Al McWilliams](#)
To: [DDA](#)
Subject: parking rates
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 4:06:40 PM

Hi DDA!

Fully support raising parking rates.

Own a business on main street.

Doooooo it

-a!

Al McWilliams // Q+M
Ann Arbor / Los Angeles