

Williams, Brenda

From: Kenkel, Hillary on behalf of Mann, David
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Williams, Brenda
Subject: FW: [External Email] Parking problems in OTR/Findlay market

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Hi Brenda,

Councilmember Mann requests that the below correspondence be added to the Council Calendar to be referred for a report.

Thank you,

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From: sh218708@gmail.com <sh218708@gmail.com>
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Subject: [External Email] Parking problems in OTR/Findlay market

External Email Communication

Good evening,

I am writing to you concerning the current parking situation in the over the Rhine neighborhood, specifically the areas north of liberty around [Findlay market](#). If there is someone on city council who would be better suited to address this matter, please kindly forward this message to them.

I am a new resident of the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood, having moved to the [Findlay market](#) area in June of this year. I rent an apartment in the area, and I work as a teacher in west [price hill](#). Every day, I commute to and from work, mainly in the morning and the evening. As a resident, I require a parking space to store my car while it is not being used, mainly during the hours of [8pm to 7:30am](#).

The problem I am having, is that the parking in my area is incredibly restrictive. There are little to no spots for residents near where I live. Elm street, Logan st, and race are almost always devoid of nonmetered spots for residents at any time. The few areas that are unmetered usually have an odd time restrictions, or they are in areas where illegal activity regularly occurs, and where cars have been repeatedly broken into. The main area I have a problem with is on central avenue. I received a 65 dollar ticket for parking during a 2 hour window ([7-9am](#)) during a weekday morning on central avenue. I had been parked there on a [Sunday night](#), and received the ticket for being there [at 7:30](#) that [Monday morning](#). This is outrageous. I leave for work [at 7:30](#) in the morning. I realize I misread the sign, but I think the city is going too far with its parking restrictions.

The area is already overrun with pay-to-park spots that cater to the Sam Adams brewery patrons, and those who only come to [Findlay market](#) on the weekends. I feel like, as a resident, I have nowhere to legally park my car during the work

week, and have to constantly be on the watch for another parking violation I may be breaking. The fines are also ridiculously high, and I feel it is in poor taste to force me to subsidize the failing street car, or the numerous unpaid parking tickets the city has, with these higher fines.

I pay taxes to the city, and I pay any parking tickets I owe promptly. I pay to park when I need to. But the parking situation is making it impossible to live in this area. Please consider extending the OTR parking permit zone to the area of OTR north of liberty, specifically the [Findlay market](#) area. It would help out [Findlay market](#) residents greatly, and bring a better source of revenue to the city by adding additional permit holders.

Thank you for taking the time to hear the concerns of one of your constituents. I trust that you will continue to lend your ear to the voice of the people you were elected to serve.

-Steve Heglin