Asheville City Council June 11, 2024 Voicemail Comments Received

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6/10/2024 11:48 PM	Hello, my name is Alexandra and I have concern about possible upcoming parking changes. I am a local business owner and thus know the people with parking services who enforce parking downtown. They recently told me that there are some proposed new parking changes that would mimic the parking enforcement in Charlotte and other large cities. These changes would force cars to move parking spaces and parking zones every two hours. If the cars aren't moved every two hours, they will be ticketed. If this is enforced, this will be a huge inconvenience to both tourists, small business owners like myself, local downtown workers who park and pay every two hours so we can leave our car in one spot all day when we are working. I also interact with tourists every day, and they have already had trouble with the new meters that we're installed, so I can't imagine the frustration for our tourists with having to change parking spots every two hours as well when they're just trying to enjoy a day in our beautiful city. I understand that the goal with this possible proposed change is to put more people in the garage, but the garages are already filling up very fast, so that will just not work. I also do not park in the garage as a petite woman for safety issues. I close up shop at night, and as parking services has also talked to me about, it's just not safe for me to be walking into the garage carrying my bags of merchandise. We are Asheville special city of local artists, small business owners, workers and tourists that keep us doing what we love. Please do not allow this change to take effect. Please keep parking as it is and as it has been, where we can continue to park in one space all day and just pay that meter every two hours without worrying about having to move our car. This will be beneficial for both our small business owners and our tourists as well. I went ahead and sent this as an email too, and I really appreciate you all taking this into a concern and making sure that this proposed new change does not take effect in downtown Asheville. Thank you.