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**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Ordinance 4-23, Item 7.1a 23-76  
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Black & Veatch, an industry leader in the engineering, procurement and construction of nationwide charging networks, is writing in support of City of Salem Ordinance Bill # 4-23. Minimum parking count standards are a major obstacle for the construction of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS). Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption is heavily dependent upon the charging infrastructure being accessible and convenient. The most efficient and climate friendly way to provide this network is to use existing commercial parking lots. Commercial property owners are interested in installing EVCS as a benefit to their customers. When Code requires parking minimums, EVCS installations are forced into existing landscaping areas or to less convenient sites. Also, burdensome zoning code requirements and process discourage private property owners from installing EVCS. Ordinance Bill #4-23 will benefit the City of Salem by encouraging climate friendly infrastructure on existing developments.

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**From:** [Haley Lehman](#)  
**To:** [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose the Elimination of Off Street Parking Requirement  
**Date:** Sunday, March 12, 2023 7:34:24 AM

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Hello,

I'd like to write to the city council to express my opposition to the elimination of off street parking requirements. I have a hard enough time finding parking for small businesses in the Salem area. Eliminating the need to provide off street parking will make it harder and more inconvenient for people to buy local and support small businesses/restaurants. If I have to hunt for parking, honestly, I will probably just not go. I know providing parking is still an option, but if it's not required, many developers will likely opt out.

Thank you,  
Haley Lehman

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Haley Lehman

March 13, 2023

To the Salem City Council:

The proposal to eliminate minimum off-street parking requirements in Salem is at best naïve. At worst, it is bowing to commercial interests at the expense of those of the public. Allowing “the market to determine parking amounts” is ludicrous, for the “market” always chooses the path of least expense, not one benefiting the public. Current downtown parking is already limited, especially during peak usage, to the point where I often prefer to have downtown experiences in Independence or Corvallis. Why should less parking be needed for new businesses? “Green” policies will not result in more mass transit use or fewer people, which would be the only reasons to change new parking provisions. Electric vehicles still need parking spaces. If any change should be made, it should be that many of the new spaces must have charging stations to accommodate this technology. Downtown Salem continues to be plagued by the triple whammies of Internet commerce, the Pandemic, and the ongoing homeless crisis. Allowing new businesses to provide fewer or no additional parking will only discourage downtown visitation, further eroding Salem’s economy and quality of life.

Sincerely,

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