



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation Number 20191101-02A Part 4:

Land Development Code Revision draft – Parking

WHEREAS, parking minimum requirements have been directly responsible for the over-parking of our urban areas, driving up rents, exacerbating climate damage, increasing development costs and further entrenching automobile dependency; and

WHEREAS, it is unreasonable to take the word of developers and investors that the reduction of parking will reduce the viability of an investment opportunity when such developments are underway all over the country and have been proven successful for the long history of city development; and

WHEREAS, it is not a key responsibility or requirement of the City of Austin to protect the investment habits of local developers, and it is the responsibility of developers and investors to innovate profitable models;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that all parking minimums be eliminated throughout the city, and that strict parking maximums be enforced downtown and along all Imagine Austin and ASMP corridors and centers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that parking in buildings count towards the building's Floor to Area Ratio (F.A.R.), in downtown, near transit, and in major activity centers to reduce or eliminate "parking podiums" which create urban dead zones at the street level and drive up rents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the F.A.R. should be proportionally increased to not disincentivize gross square footage of permitted land uses.

Date of Approval: November 1, 2019

Record of the vote: 6-0-2 with Commissioners Franco and Reyna abstaining and Commissioners Blume, Somers, and Wilfley absent

Attest:

Emily Smith, Staff Liaison