

## Ward 3 Ord 21-27 – James Hamilton

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**Think Before You Click:** This email originated **outside** our organization.

I write again to ask that you vote NO on the proposal to eliminate minimum parking requirements on a city-wide basis. That may be appropriate in areas with additional on-street parking capacity available but it is not in areas already so crowded that parking must be regulated by permits. (E.g. the St. Thomas area, Summit Hill.)

Permit parking is not a viable alternative in areas served by multi-family housing. In fact, it merely spreads the congestion over a wider area. Other parking controls (meters, time limits) require additional public expense upfront and on a continuing basis for monitoring.

A better idea would be to identify those areas with existing access to transportation alternatives (e.g. BRT or light rail) and expand coverage as that access expands.

No culture can turn on a dime. Let's not try here.

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