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Benishek Clark, Anne

Subject: FW: Proposed Parking Rate Increases at City Ramps

From: Anne Kenny [mailto:ankeny123@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 9:37 AM
To: Parking
Subject: Proposed Parking Rate Increases at City Ramps

Dear Members of Madison Transit and Parking Commission,

I am writing to you to register my opposition to the proposed rate hike at the city parking ramps. As an employee of the City of Madison working at the Madison Municipal Building, I have very few choices of where to park downtown while I am at work. Currently, I pay \$190.00 monthly to park in the Government East Ramp. Without going into personal detail, I am unable to take the bus to work and must rely on my car for transportation, due to a couple of medical conditions.

I need not remind you that times are tough for everyone. An increase in parking fees would be a hardship for me and many others. What little pay raise I saw this year was eaten up in rising health care costs to City employees. It certainly was not enough to pay for those additional health care costs *and* an increase in parking fees.

Moreover, I have long believed that the practice of charging City of Madison employees to park in the ramps downtown is unfair, based on the fact that City employees who work outside of the downtown area don't have to pay for parking. They essentially receive a benefit from the City that I do not receive: free parking. Respectfully, the Parking Commission should not only elect *not* to raise parking fees, especially for City employees, but they should *lower* current parking rates for City employees by at least half of what they now pay. Although that would only be a very small step toward making parking benefits equatable across the board for City employees, it would tremendously help those of us who have to pay to park.

Thank you kindly for your consideration of my email.

Sincerely,

Anne Kenny

Subject: FW: Parking Increase

From: trapa1971@charter.net [mailto:trapa1971@charter.net]

Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 1:41 PM

To: Parking

Subject: Parking Increase

I was recently informed that my monthly parking rates would be going up in June of 2016. While I understand the need to increase rates for replacement, maintenance, etc. the timing leaves something to be desired. I currently work downtown and have a monthly parking subscription to the Capitol Square North garage. My employer has a pretax option for parking that I need to sign up for in October. This is a regular amount that equates to the total amount for the year. By raising the rates in June that will mean I'll be unable to take advantage of the full amount until next year. A minor complaint I know but something that should be considered when timing these changes.

Thank you for your consideration

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Subject: FW: Parking rate increases

From: Nancy Thompson [mailto:nancyt49@frontier.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 11:44 AM

To: Parking

Subject: Parking rate increases

I received notice of the proposed increase in parking rates for June. My husband and I both park daily at the Overature ramp for our work. We feel the increase from \$.75 cents per hour to \$1.10 per hour is too much. We understand the need to finance repairs etc., but think this is too big of an increase at one time. Perhaps raising to \$1.00 would be understandable, but the huge increase is just too much.

Please reconsider the amount of increase.

Thank You,

Nancy Thompson
Jeff Thompson