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I'm writing to voice my opposition to the proposed increase in special event parking fees, specifically as it affects the Arts + Literature Laboratory located at 111 South Livingston St. #100. ALL happens to be located next to a city parking lot, and across the street from the Sylvee. ALL is a nonprofit arts organization that provides access to a wide variety of arts related events, and attendance is routine impacted negatively by "special event" parking rates for events that have nothing to do with their organization.

As I write this, special event parking rates will impact 7 of the next 18 days. These increased rates discourage attendance at events at ALL which are unrelated to whatever "special event" might be occurring nearby. Street parking is the only other option and is always unavailable because those spots are the first to go.

One alternative would be to enable ALL to validate parking at a rate lower than the special event rate. I urge the commission to consider the impact this proposal will have on surrounding small businesses as well as on the programming provided by The Arts + Literature Laboratory.

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