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**Subject:** 700 block of Jay St  
**Attachments:** Jay St. 700 block 2 hour parking.docx

Hello Alder Schlei,

I have been keeping an eye on the 700 block of Jay St. where we have 2 hour parking during the day for people using the downtown businesses on the south side. So far, I have noticed that at least 27 two hour parking spots are open during the day (see attached photos taken from Thursday and Friday last week). The parking lot that has leased spots in that area is mostly empty, but we have had a few employees in the downtown area that have paid to lease spots in the lot after the change. Other people that work in the area during the day are now parking in other County owned lots or S. 7<sup>th</sup> St, which is unlimited parking on the east side.

I would oppose changing this area to 4 hour parking for a couple of reasons. This would be a parking enforcement issue. Our parking enforcement works from about 8am to 4pm so it would be difficult (basically impossible) to check on these spots more than once a day because we would have to wait 4 hours in-between. Also, our parking enforcement software only accounts for 1 hour and 2 hour parking right now. We would need to somehow get that reprogrammed by the vendor (at a cost of course). The other major reason is that these spots would fill up with employees and be unavailable for customers of downtown businesses. An employee would only have to move their vehicle once and that is probably what they would do (move it right back to this block).

I believe the reason there are complaints from the local employees is that they are used to getting to park in a City lot all day for free. It is my understanding that this does not follow our parking study and is not consistent to a similar north side lot at N. 9<sup>th</sup> and Maritime. That lot is leased by employees and employers downtown.

FYI,

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