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Subject: Street Parking

Good Afternoon Sir,

I have a few questions that I would like to ask you as you have been referred from the city development office. I live at 2127 Shoop Street Racine 53404 and have signs up in front of my house saying 2 hour parking. This is most likely due to Horlick High School students parking on the street all day long. Now that the parking lot across the street from Horlick is available to the students at my question is, can the signs be removed? Or can my mother get a parking pass as she is our nanny for 2 days out of the week for my 2 year old son and has to park much further away because of the regulated parking?

My second question is about the old Pick n Save building. Has their been any city development discussion or bites on the sale and renovation of this area? It is such an eye sore but could be a much better area if businesses felt comfortable to set up shop?

My third question (and comments) is about street parking as a whole city wide. I have been on Shoop street for 3 years now (Bless God I have a driveway now) but before moving to Shoop St. at my previous residence we only had street parking. As a hard working family dual income (I know many more dual income families) that wake up in the morning, have their cup of coffee and get ready for work. When they get outside to their car to realize there is a ticket on the car for not parking on the correct side of the street. Now I understand it is a source of income for the city however their should be some lenience for a forgetful person. Going to the city annex to dispute and asking for forgiveness sounds easy but takes a lot of time and efforts for families. Could the city ordinance have a 2 night grace addendum? The police station can track this and if a family forgets more then 2 nights a year then the ticket be submitted? I can attest to the forgetfulness or outright ignorance of the ordinance. Families forget that Dec. 1 to April 1st it is alternate parking on weekends. That is once a year that families say "dang I forgot". Then it was a long day full of summertime barbecue down by our beautiful lake, you get home and shower, give the kids a bath, put them to bed and plopp on the couch and off to bed, not realizing you parked on the wrong side of the street. There goes the second time, and what was wrong with that picture except a great day ending off with a ticket in the morning because you forgot to move the car. I truly believe giving a couple warnings would help middle class families like mine. Although I have a driveway know I always wave to my neighbors as they are off to work and sometimes see the neighbors with tickets on their windshield thinking wow another ticket to process.

I hope this email helps and resonate to the little things in life to fight for. I have been born and raised in Racine and know there are things like these are what help the middle class, the everyday life problems. Small but satisfying if resolved. Thank you for your time and efforts. I am excited to hear back from you.

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