

- Until the public and the council are presented with substantial evidence of serious public safety threats, all references to the city's surface parking lots should be deleted.
- The definition of the trespass offense in Chapter 9.64.030 should be clarified to reflect the apparent intent, as explained by Deputy Chief Vogel to the Downtown Commission, that a trespass offense occurs only when a suspect has lingered for more than 15 minutes (by simply changing the word "or" to "and"). Without this change, merely being in a parking garage for any period of time without actually being engaged in parking or retrieving a vehicle or bicycle would constitute a violation of the ordinance.
- An additional exception should be added for disabled drivers and passengers.

Finally, we note that the exception listed in Chapter 9.64.030 for "speech-related conduct" contains no standards for establishing such areas, provides no process for making the designation, and designates no Department for the responsibility or authority for posting such areas.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to express these views in what we fully intend to be in the spirit of constructive criticism, as we want to work with the city in making downtown parking safer for the public, city workers and local business establishments.