

# Let's hurt <sup>8/26</sup> downtown area

Downtown employees are a sneaky lot. They move their cars three spaces to avoid getting parking tickets. So the common council has come to the rescue! Rather than making it easier for people to do business downtown, they have chosen to pad the city coffers (\$2 at a time) with new parking regulations that will make it impossible to do business there without paying for the privilege.

Maybe the city could provide free parking for downtown employees and employers who have chosen to risk their livelihood on such an unpromising location? Maybe the city could extend the time customers and clients can park downtown from two hours to three or four? Maybe that could result in more people doing business downtown? Maybe that would result in employees parking in the spots provided for them rather than taking the valuable spaces intended for clients and customers? Maybe people would stay longer downtown and spend more money and promote the growth of the district.

Nahhh...Let's not help the people downtown. At this rate the downtown district will be dead soon. Better to fleece everyone while we can.

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