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Justin Lux
Director
City of Deadwood
Parking and Transportation
108 Sherman Street
Deadwood, SD 57732

October 8th, 2024

Dear Justin,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to remove public parking spaces or to specifically have them reserved only for residents on Charles Street, as communicated during the public forum on October 3rd, 2024. The availability of public parking is crucial for the well-being of our community, and its removal would have significant negative consequences.

1. ****Accessibility and Safety Issues****: The current parking situation already poses challenges for many community members, particularly those with mobility issues. Removing additional spots will only exacerbate these difficulties. Surrounding businesses have many employees with unique parking requirements, including those with disabilities or those needing to transport equipment. Providing these parking areas improves safety for employees, reducing the risk of accidents in crowded public parking areas and ensuring that staff can park their vehicles securely.

2. ****Impact on Local Businesses****: Local businesses rely on customer access via convenient parking. Eliminating parking spots may deter potential customers, leading to reduced foot traffic and potentially harming local economic vitality. Moreover, public tax dollars should be utilized to benefit the entire community, not just a select group of residents.

I urge you to reconsider this decision and engage with the community to find a more balanced solution that addresses the needs of both residents and local businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jessica Bailey
Financial Administrator
Deadwood Dental