

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Walsh, Matthew  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 4:47 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Cc:** Aspell, Thomas; Florence, David  
**Subject:** FW: Parking  
**Attachments:** School St Garage Permit Application FY2019.pdf; State Street Garage Permit Application FY2009.pdf

Hi Janice / Tom -

I emailed Debbi (see below) and spoke to her by phone today too. Got some additional clarification. She is asking that the City reserve a section of the Storrs Street garage for the creation of a "24 / 7" resident permit parking for said reserved spaces. She has indicated that demand for parking in the garage for space after 7PM is already very high when there are many events / heavy traffic downtown. She is concerned that this circumstance will worsen as the new Concord Theatre and other development projects move forward. She also reiterated complaints about inappropriate activities occurring in the garage (like drag racing at night). I would suggest that we forward this on to the Parking Committee for review.

Thanks

Matt

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**From:** Walsh, Matthew  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 3:03 PM  
**To:** 'jjdroy@comcast.net'  
**Cc:** Bonenfant, Janice; Aspell, Thomas; Florence, David  
**Subject:** FW: Parking

Hi Debbi -

I hope you're doing well. The City Clerk's Office forwarded me your email below regarding permits for the Storrs Street (Capital Commons) Garage.

I appreciate your thoughts about permits for the Storrs Street Garage. As you know, the Garage currently features a mixture of metered and lease parking spaces. Of the 516 total spaces, 391 are leased. All 391 spaces are subject to long-term agreements with other property owners / tenants downtown. The balance are metered and handicap parking spaces.

In accordance with the City's recently adopted Strategic Parking Plan, the City plans to enter into negotiations with the lease holders to transition from lease to a permit system. That process has already begun.

In the meantime, the City does have 8 covered lease spaces available in the Storrs Street Garage. Cost is \$130 / month / space (billed quarterly). Spaces are exclusive use during the hours of 8AM to 7PM Monday - Friday. We would be happy to lease you a space if you're interested. Just let me know.

Alternatively, the City is offering permits in the State Street and School Street Parking Garages. FYI - The State Street Garage (near the YMCA) was permanently transitioned to permits on July 1, 2018 as the facility was not subject to any long-term leases. The School Street Garage (near Margaritas) was transitioned to permits on a temporary basis last December to facilitate ongoing repairs / renovations. The City has been

having discussions with long-term lease holders about making the permit program permanent when the repairs are completed in summer 2020.

I've attached permit applications for both garages if you're interested.

If the City is successful with our negotiations, we would transition the Storrs Street Garage to a permit program, where we currently offer 4 different types of permits in order to better meet the public's needs.

At this time, the City has no specific plans to offer a "resident permit" for parking garages, as we believe the multi-tier offerings like those available in the State Street Garage will meet the needs of most downtown residents.

In closing, thank you again for your thoughts about parking. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,  
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-----Original Message-----

From: debbi roy [mailto:[jjdroy@comcast.net](mailto:jjdroy@comcast.net)]  
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 7:48 AM  
To: Bonenfant, Janice  
Subject: Parking

Dear City Council,

Many of you know who I am. My name is Debbi Roy, I am a lifelong resident of Concord. I currently live at The Endicott Hotel. I've addressed this concern to Matt Walsh numerous times. I'm really very concerned about parking going forward. Imagine working 10-12 hours, coming home around 9:00 pm and not having a parking spot. I park in the Storrs Street garage. When there's a large event at the Capital Center, Market Days, Midnight Merriment, etc. to name a few. The spaces are far and few between. Now add the Hotel (I know they have 50 designated spots), the new Concord Theater and the numerous residential additions, it's not going to get better. I'm definitely not opposed to any of these additions.

I have been to other cities (Manchester, Portsmouth), have parked in parking garages, asked to pay \$3.00 and have no problem paying that (they have designated spots for Residents Only) and I park.

I look at these events and see potential for making money, charge people to park at these events. How many spots are there x \$3.00? AND I'm willing to pay \$100-\$125 a month for a Resident Only spot. I am sure there are other residents willing to do the same.

I know this isn't something that's a priority but, please consider making it one before it gets worse (and it will ) It is very discouraging, coming HOME to no parking. Yes, it's a challenge of living downtown, however I think there's a solution.

Thank you for your consideration,

Debbi Roy  
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