

Hello Mayor Traber and City Council,

My name is Rachel Grisham, and I am the Executive Director of Operations for ASOSU. Aside from being a student, I am a resident of the Corvallis community and I live within parking district A. It is my understanding that you all are inquiring as to whether parking district C should be expanded.

As a resident of a similar parking district, I have a lot of experience with this system. I know many hope that extending this district will alleviate a lot of headaches and issues. Please be forewarned, this system will not eradicate any problems. In fact, it might increase them. Currently, in parking district A, there are a lot of people during week days because of its proximity to campus. This is true of many areas in Corvallis.

Folks are allowed to park on the street in this parking district for a maximum of two hours between 8:00am and 5:00pm between Monday and Friday. On the hour, there are spikes in foot and vehicle traffic in this parking district, because many are trying to avoid tickets. The tension around this movement causes many additional issues that did not exist prior to the enforcement of the parking time. Some of these issues include partially or fully blocked driveways, relocated garbage and recycling cans, and increased residential vehicle damage. Creating this policy has only decreased the safety and increased the stress around this issue.

If the goal of increasing the parking district is to increase safety of residents and the general population, this is a poor way to go about solving this issue. I strongly urge you all to consider other, more constructive ways to solve the problem at hand.

Sincerely,

Rachel Grisham

Executive Director of Operations for ASOSU