Respected Council Members,

I'm unable to attend tonight's City Council meeting, but would like to express an opinion regarding the proposed parking ordinance on tonight's agenda. I believe it is too restrictive, and will cause many new headaches amongst neighbors, not to mention our police department.

Here on Florence Avenue, we have recently had a situation which mirrors the ordinance's requirements. A young family had a trailer parked in front of their house. They had lost their previous home in a fire, and had bought the trailer as an escape pod.

A neighbor across the street did not like her view, and complained to the police repeatedly. This is a neighbor I speak with whenever I see her and we are friendly. And I know she complains about just about everything.

I apologized to the young family for the hassle they were going through (they were finding flyers and notes on their trailer with suggestions for storage facilities), and told them I felt the complaining neighbor's views did not reflect the neighborhood, that it was an entitled and unkind point of view, and that they had my support.

I think we need a mechanism for unknown people parking in front of our house and leaving their vehicle there indefinitely. However, the current proposal goes too far, and will create more problems than it will solve. People need to accommodate visitors and many need to have their own RV or trailer close by. Demanding that RV's and trailers be stored in a facility is very costly, and misses the point of having an escape pod.

Thank you for revisiting this ordinance to make it a better fit for our residents.

Respectfully, Jude Kreissman