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Subject: Parking restrictions and Fines as reported by ace reporter Jacob Tellers in the 20November2017 Daily Journal.

I wish to speak out against proposed parking ticket increase and parking restrictions.

Parking tickets should not be a "profit center" for city government. The proposed price of \$140 is more than outrageous. People live in the Zero-Lot development because their income limits other options. Working at the city promoted TIF jobs, these citizens are living on the edge of poverty. A \$15 dollar an hour job, after tax and insurance could take seventeen hours work. That is excessive, results in non-payment, and additional legal issues and expenses.

Profit center policing is bad policy. Policing should be to benefit citizens and reduce harmful behavior. The city drug court earns high marks when helping people escape drug problems and learning to enjoy life. The city drug court earns a very poor mark when people claim it is just bureaucracy to extract money for profit. (Perhaps so the city can give millions more dollars to a rich person's private yacht or skate club. The rich person's private club is bringing in motels (and crime that comes with motels) and low pay green-card labor.\*\*\* The private club is bringing in the very items the city said they did not want in the area and giving millions in tax break dollars and TIF funding!))

The majority (those who do not want people parking on their side of the street), should not be allowed to dictate and remove the rights of others. A mail delivery problem should be addressed with time-restrictions and working with the post office. Future zero-lot developments should have group mailboxes at the intersections. Group mailboxes allow one to meet and talk with neighbors, report lost cats, and enjoy life. For a solution, one must work with the residents, post office, and city while respecting citizen rights. Parking restrictions and exorbitant fines are not problem solutions.

Please consider sending the issues to a committee of city employees to work on possible solutions. Jumping to restrict already limited parking or increase ticket prices is a poor kneejerk action, which creates more issues.

Sincerely,

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\*\*\* a friend who runs green card roofing crews said three of fifteen are legal. Legal is more likely to pay taxes and medical expenses.