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Dear Colleagues,

Parking is one of those issues that affects residents across the city and is a frequent source of complaints from our constituents for a variety of reasons. In my view, it is important to strike a balance between personal flexibility and reasonable freedom for homeowners, with public safety and right of way and of course with our roadside operations whether that be snow removal or by-law enforcement or emergency services.

It is important to note, "near campus neighbourhoods" have a separate prohibition against overnight on street parking. The overnight parking ban is not a means of controlling student parking around campuses.

It is also important to consider we do not live in a Monday to Friday 9am-5pm world anymore. It is not unusual for individuals to have to work a 12hr shift. We also live in a world where there is also greater distance between family members than in past generations and because of changing attitudes toward impaired driving, visits may often entail more overnight stays than in the past.

After considering the feedback received from Ward 2 residents and looking at practices in other municipalities, it is my view we should update some of our current parking regulations to reflect our changing city. Therefore, I am bringing the following motion to the next Civic Works committee for our consideration:

That Civic Administration bring forward a report to civic works with details on potential impacts and recommendations on implementing the following changes to parking restrictions:

- a) That the overnight parking ban program be amended to be in force from November 1st until April 30th annually,*
- b) That the issuing of overnight parking permits during the ban period be expanded to allow residents to purchase additional passes beyond the current 15 free uses for a fee,*
- c) That the current 12hr limit on occupying a specific on street non metered parking location be amended to 18hrs,*
- d) That the by-law prohibiting homeowners from parking a vehicle in their driveway parallel to the road way be repealed.*

I look forward to a discussion and consideration of these suggestions.

Sincerely,

Shawn Lewis
Ward 2 City Councillor