



Support for Parking ZOTA
October 5th, 2022

Dear Urban County Council Members,

The [Coalition for a Livable Lexington](#) recommends adopting the Parking Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (PLN-ZOTA-22-00014). The reasons for this recommendation include the following:

1. The proposed ZOTA increases the possibility of building more housing, increasing accessibility, and potentially affordability, as we have seen from the reduction in parking requirements for affordable housing and from similar-sized cities across the country.
2. The proposed ZOTA increases the walkability of places over time, as well as safety for pedestrians and better tree canopy requirements, which creates a more livable Lexington. It ensures flexibility of parking requirements based on a development's needs, allowing for businesses and homebuilders to save costs, therefore saving money for consumers/residents, and increasing affordability. In addition, requiring bike parking ensures those who cannot drive or choose not to are accounted for within the ordinance, increasing transportation equity and encouraging multi-modal opportunities.
3. The proposed ZOTA would make better use of our vacant and underutilized land inside the Urban Service Boundary, promoting more efficient, fiscally responsible, and sustainable development of the land and infrastructure we already have.
4. The proposed ZOTA would encourage less vehicle use over time, fewer urban heat islands, and reduce stormwater runoff, which all have negative impacts on our environment and health.

The Coalition for a Livable Lexington strongly supports this effort to rethink parking as it would help us work towards a more affordable, livable, walkable, and healthy Lexington. We recommend that the Urban County Council approve this ordinance change that moves Lexington to a more livable future.

Sincerely,
The Coalition for a Livable Lexington

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Lexington Community Land Trust
Age Friendly Lexington
Fayette Alliance
Sierra Club, Bluegrass Group
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