

November 20, 2019

Mayor and City Council
City of Columbia
701 East Broadway
P.O. Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205

Dear Mayor Treece and City Council Members:

The City of Columbia Parking Advisory Commission (PAC) would like to offer support for the final ordinance changes relating to the implementation of the parking garage gate arms project. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 14-391 of the City Code.

The PAC supports the removal of the parking meters from the 8th & Cherry and Short Street parking garage, as the meters will no longer be necessary once the gate arms are installed and fully operational. The PAC also supports a \$15.00 lost ticket fee as a means to prevent misuse of the gate arms system. Finally, the PAC supports the proposed parking garage rate structure change that includes no hourly charge for the first hour of parking in the municipal parking garages and the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) for each subsequent two-hour session. We value a rate structure that will encourage more hourly use of the parking garages, and the related operational efficiencies of a flatter rate structure.

Thank you for your consideration.



On behalf of the Parking Advisory Commission,
Mike McClung, Chair.