

Date: August 29, 2019

City of Columbia  
701 E. Broadway  
P.O. Box 6015  
Columbia, MO 65205

Re: FY 2020 Budget Amendment - \$3/day parking fee at the airport

Dear Mayor Treece and City Council,

At our meeting on August 28, 2019, the Advisory Board reviewed Councilman Thomas's amendment to start charging \$3/day for parking on the asphalt lots at the Columbia Regional Airport and using these funds to decrease subsidy from Transportation Sales Tax by the amount of the parking fee.

The board voted unanimously to oppose this amendment based on several factors:

1. There is no mechanism in place to track or charge for parking and no study has been done to ascertain the cost associated with doing so.
2. We have enjoyed great success at the airport with increasing enplanements and deplanements but there has been no study done on what effect it will have on these numbers if we stop offering free parking.
3. We feel it is more appropriate to start charging for parking once we have a new terminal in place.
4. Due to the expense of the new terminal and related items, we feel any monies that are raised at the airport should go to fund airport projects.

On behalf of the Columbia Airport Advisory Board, I ask that you reject this amendment.

Sincerely,

B.J. Hunter  
Board Chair  
Columbia Airport Advisory Board