September 8, 2022

Mayor and City Council
City of Columbia
701 East Broadway
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Dear Mayor Buffaloe and City Council Members:

The City of Columbia Parking Advisory Commission (PAC), in reviewing our relevance per the request of City Council, would like to offer the recommendation to keep the PAC in it's current role, reduce the size of the board by two at-large seats, and adjust the quorum to be based on the number of seats assigned not the total number of seats available.

Although parking issues were reduced over the past few years due to COVID, garages are recently now full, permits are no longer available and on street parking is back to 2019 levels. We would like to continue to work towards a more user-friendly, clean, safe parking experience. Evidence of progress has been achieved by working with the CID and recommending to council the unification of parking meter hours between the garages and street and we are now working on a recommendation on reducing the number of different time limitations on meters for a more user-friendly experience.

The PAC did consider a transfer of duties to the CID, as the CID contains the majority of parking, however there are numerous areas outside the CID boundaries that have parking concerns.

We also asked for Staff's counsel on the value the commission provided. Staff finds current and future value in the opinion of the PAC.

Please let us know if we can help further.

Thank you for your service to our community,

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