



Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Association

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Re: Proposed Change in Parking Ordinance

Dear Council Members:

The Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Associations (FGBRCA) is unanimously opposed to a change in the Parking Ordinance that would allow vehicles to be parked on sidewalks.

Councilman Boneno was kind enough to seek our view of this proposal coming from one of his constituents. We were able to fully discuss it at our recent general meeting.

Sidewalks are for walking and servitudes establish them for that purpose. You are all aware that in residential communities that many, especially the elderly, exercise by walking, the younger adults push their baby carriages or lead their children around the neighborhood and neighbors visit each other, all on sidewalks. It is contrary to common sense and, currently contrary to public policy, to force people into the street to engage in these normal neighborhood activities.

When homeowners purchase vehicles, they must anticipate not only the cost of their operation but where they will be stored. When they acquire more vehicles than they can conveniently store on their property, they should not make their neighbors give up their "space" to accommodate their life style.

Respectfully,

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