



August 23, 2010

Councilmember Regina Romero
940 W. Alameda Street
Tucson, Arizona 85745

Re: On-Street Parking Policy

Dear Councilmember Romero,

On Monday August 16th, the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association voted unanimously to request the following changes to the City's on-street parking policy:

1. Allow cars to remain parked on the street, and not moved, for up to 14 days.
2. Allow cars to be parked up to 1 foot from adjacent driveways and alleys.

The current policy limits on-street parking to 7 days and requires cars to be moved after that time. This policy unfairly affects those of us who do not have private driveways/garages and do not use our cars everyday. Many Dunbar/Spring and downtown-area residents own cars but don't have off-street parking and take advantage of our central location to walk, bike and take the bus for many of our trips. We park our cars on the street next to our homes. Dunbar/Spring strongly supports the City's goals of a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly community for environmental, public health, and civic reasons. However, current parking policy creates more pollution by requiring cars to be driven! We request that the seven day limit be extended to 14 days.

The current policy prohibits cars to be parked within five feet of a driveway or ten feet of an alleyway. This rule will become onerous to Dunbar Spring once we install approximately 50 water-harvesting curb extensions/chicanes as part of a neighborhood improvement project. Funded by Pima County Reinvestment funds, this project will incidentally reduce the overall amount of on-street parking and may make it impossible for some residents to park their cars in front of their own homes if they are closer than 5 feet from a driveway or 10 feet from an alleyway. We request that we be allowed to park within 1 foot of driveways and alleyways.

Sincerely,

Ian Fritz

Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association President.

CC: Chris Leighton, Parkwise