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Mayor Gresk, City of Wheaton and  
City Council, City of Wheaton

RE: Proposed amendments to the City Parking Ordinance

Honorable Mayor & City Council,

On behalf of the Downtown Wheaton Association (DWA) Board of Directors we are writing to you to let you know what the DWA is currently doing and its discussions with its members regarding the proposed amendments to the *Parking Ordinance*. The DWA has monitored the parking study and looked at the proposed parking ordinance changes you are now considering. We feel it is our responsibility to put forward the voice of our members regarding this issue. While the concept that has been discussed has many merits and positive outcomes for the downtown long term, we desire to make sure the interest of our members is considered in the creation of an ordinance.

The DWA is in the process of inviting its members to provide opinions on the topic and any recommendations or questions. We are exploring questions such as "What would the parking fund actually be used for?" and "How would it be administered?" Would the parking fund be used in a manner that promotes safe and environmentally positive parking for the downtown?

In summary, the DWA hopes that current economic considerations will be evaluated for any ordinance creation, and we do not wish to see this proposed ordinance become a hindrance to growth and leasing opportunities in the downtown.

We hope to have a more defined letter of input for you after the start of the new year.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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Bonnie J. McLaren, President  
Downtown Wheaton Association