



## Legislation Text

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### Discussion regarding downtown parking

**SUMMARY:** Dr. Morrison/Taylor Square Properties owns two parking areas downtown, one directly behind her office and one large lot behind Social Brew. Kyle Geer, on behalf of Dr. Morrison, is asking for reconsideration for the parking lease discussed previously. They previously offered a lease at no cost, except for maintenance such as street debris, lot light costs, and resealing.

The City Council previously discussed the City performing the upkeep and maintenance of the lots so that the City's liability insurance would include Dr. Morrison (dba Taylor Square Properties) on the policy. Dr. Morrison is agreeable with this and with removing the limitation of only having City parking after Taylor Square business hours.

Dr. Morrison would like an agreement with the City due to their concerns about individuals having an accident or injury on their lots and being liable, even though not a customer of Taylor Square. Per Dr. Morrison's own insurance carrier, it is recommended that they block the lots after business hours or begin to tow those who violate the posted signs. Instead of blocking off the parking lot after hours, they hope to find a way to work with the City so that everyone can benefit. They have a total of 46 spaces in the large lot and 19 in the smaller lot, which would give the City 65 parking spaces with easy sidewalk access to events such as Taste of Crossville, Thursdays at the Amp, Friday at the Crossroads, the Christmas parades, and Social Brew's events that draw in customers from all around the Upper Cumberland.

The City's insurance company has advised not to get into lease agreements for parking due to various reasons including liability and City staff working on private property. The City Attorney has advised Dr. Morrison to propose a lease which addresses all of the issues.

**BUDGET ACCOUNT:**

**NECESSARY COUNCIL ACTION:** Discuss options