

From one of those “I’ll take my chances” kind of folks

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(130th in a series of posts on parking)

The writer is known to Gadfly but prefers to remain anonymous for some strange reason.

Gadfly:

I’ll verify that I am one of those “I’ll take my chances” kind of folks. Mostly because I don’t think it’s a good idea to charge for parking (impacts businesses), and I sure don’t want to be paying for a new parking garage we don’t need (and surely will need even less in 15-20 years as technology changes). I am downtown about once a week and have not had a ticket in a couple of years. Do “that” math!

Let’s take a cue from Europe, which has much less room than we do. For one, excellent public transit/walkable cities/friendly to disabled folks. But the one thing I saw there that I don’t see here: underground parking.

When a new building is put up (say 3rd and New), the parking goes underneath. Not taking up valuable real estate next door. Just a thought!

Anon.

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