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Off Campus After Hours Parking Act of 2004

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Whereas: Miami University currently requires vehicles parked in all on-campus parking spaces to carry a university issued parking pass at all times, even after regularly specified business hours such as 4pm and 7 pm, and;

Whereas: The price of university issued parking passes has increased by 50% in the last year, and;

Whereas: Students are the most likely occupiers of parking spaces on campus, during such hours, for the purposes of attending either class, extracurricular activities, or intramurals, and;

Whereas: Parking Spaces are usually abundant and in low demand during such hours, and;

Whereas: The Miami Metro bus system makes stops less frequently after the hour of 7pm, when many evening classes, and extracurricular activities are scheduled, and;

Whereas: Miami University generated \$1,351,445 in revenues from citations and the sale of parking passes and during the last year, which are purchased primarily for the use of day time parking that is in much greater demand, and;

Whereas: The total expenditures for the Miami University Parking Program, including general expenses, the cost of maintenance, and all mandatory transfers, totals to \$1,043,018 leaving the Program with a profit of \$308,427.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved: That all off-campus Miami University students be able to register their cars with Miami University and then be able to purchase a new after hours parking pass each semester that permits students to park their vehicles on campus in various locations after regularly posted hours.

Further, Let it Be Resolved: That the cost of the implementation of this new after hours pass will not be projected onto the student body in any way, shape, or form aside from the fee charged to ascertain such a pass. This fee shall be priced at less than \$30.

Rationale: In situations when it is fairly late at night or the weather is rather cold, it becomes increasingly tempting for a person who is waiting for the bus to look over at any of the numerous parking spaces available and decide that paying the \$60 (on campus yellow) or \$90 (purple) for a parking pass is worth it. My reason for writing this bill is that I believe that we should not have to, for all of the reasons which I have listed above. However, in order to assure that on campus parking does not become congested after hours, due to persons other than students or other patrons of Miami University occupying parking spaces, it would be necessary for all students who wish to use said parking spaces to register their vehicles with the university, and receive some sort of pass. However, this would simply be a matter of data entry and printing. Therefore Miami University should not charge in excess of the costs needed to administer such a program, or in other words for no profit.