

Petition
Chapel Hill Town Council
June 8, 2009

Subject: Sunday Parking on Franklin Street

The Issue: I am a member of the Chapel of the Cross parish. We have been experiencing a number of parishioners whose cars rightfully have been ticketed (and even towed) on Sunday after they exceeded the 2:00 PM deadline for moving their cars off Franklin St. We canvassed the other churches on Franklin St. and found some similar issues.

The solution: The Chapel of the Cross, University Presbyterian Church, University United Methodist Church and the University Baptist Church petition the Town Council to extend the time for which parking on Franklin St. will be allowed to 3:30 PM on Sundays and church holidays.

The consequences: After talking with many church goers from all four churches, it was determined that quite a few go out to eat at Franklin St. restaurants after church and often their meal time extends beyond the current 2:00 pm parking "curfew." All of the churches are committed to remaining downtown and being a vibrant member of our urban and university community. Adding 1.5 hours to the parking limits would encourage more folks to eat downtown without the fear of being ticketed and show the Town's appreciation for these four historic churches.

I have been authorized by the four churches to ask for this change and we respectfully request that the Town Council consider and approve this request.

Respectfully submitted:

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