



**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

This report provides information regarding proposed changes in the parking requirement for public and private schools. The Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) has requested that the City consider decreasing the parking requirement for schools, since Fort Worth's requirements exceed actual parking demand and exceed the requirements in most other North Texas cities. Reduced parking requirements will allow Fort Worth area schools to provide the parking spaces necessary for their teachers, parents, students and staff while minimizing land limitations, permitting delays, and excess pavement.

The current parking requirements are applied to new construction, additions, and new portable buildings. Existing parking spaces removed for construction or portables must be replaced. Auditoriums, gymnasiums, cafeterias, labs, and other accessory spaces are not counted for parking requirements. Schools may count on-street parking if approved by TPW, especially on infill schools that are being reconstructed. If a school chooses to provide spaces in excess of the 125% maximum parking amount, then one tree is required to be planted for every additional ten (10) parking spaces, as mitigation for the extra paving.

FWISD and City staff reviewed other cities' requirements and reached out to area school districts. Crowley ISD, Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD, and Northwest ISD responded and concurred that the parking requirements should be decreased.

Below are comparisons of the existing and proposed requirements using example elementary, middle, and high schools. Staff chose the classroom measurement because the amount is more stable and easily measured than student or employee count. The requirement for elementary and middle schools accommodates teachers, aides, administration, and operations staff. The same rationale applies to high schools and adds spaces to accommodate the ability of older high school students to drive to school.

**Elementary School:**

<u>Example</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Other Cities</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Student count: 750 Employee count: 60 Classroom count: 20	1 space per 12 students plus one space for each employee	Various ratios	2.5 spaces per classroom
<b>Spaces required:</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>30-60</b>	<b>50</b>

**Middle School:**

<u>Example</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Other Cities</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Student count: 1,500 Employee count: 77 Classroom count: 40	1 space per 12 students plus one space for each employee	Various ratios	2.5 spaces per classroom

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<b>Spaces required:</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>40-140</b>	<b>100</b>
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**High School:**

Example

Student count: 2,500  
Stadium seats: 1,150  
Classroom count: 100  
Admin. space: 11,800 s.f  
Employees: 110

Current

1 space per 2 students  
plus 1 space per 5  
stadium seats (may be  
double counted)

Other Cities

Various ratios

Proposed

6 spaces per classroom  
and 1 space per 300 s.f. of  
administrative space, plus 1  
space per 5 stadium seats  
(may be double counted)

<b>Spaces required:</b>	<b>1,250-1,480</b> (depending on whether stadium seats are double counted)	<b>400-1,741</b>	<b>640-870</b> (depending on whether stadium seats are double counted)
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The proposed schedule is the Zoning Commission hearing on April 13 and the City Council hearing on April 19. If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Murphy, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Department, at 817-392-6226.

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