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Improving parking policies

could be the cheapest, quickest, and most politically feasible way to achieve many social, economic, and environmental goals.

The upside of parking requirements is that removing them can trigger a cascade of benefits: shorter commutes, less traffic, a healthier economy, a cleaner environment, and more affordable housing.

recommended three parking reforms that can improve cities, the economy, and the environment:

1. Remove off-street parking requirements. Developers and businesses can then decide how many parking spaces to provide for their customers.
2. Charge the right prices for on-street parking. The right prices are the lowest prices that will leave one or two open spaces on each block, so there will be no parking shortages. Prices will balance the demand and supply for on-street spaces.
3. Spend the parking revenue to improve public services on the metered streets. If everybody sees their meter money at work, the new public services can make demand-based prices for on-street parking politically popular.

- A flood of recent research has shown that parking requirements poison our cities, increasing traffic congestion, polluting the air, encouraging sprawl, raising housing costs, degrading urban design, preventing walkability, damaging the economy, and penalizing everyone who cannot afford a car.
- Parking requirements enable everyone to park free at everyone else's expense and no one knows that anyone is paying anything. Parking is free, however, only because everything else is more expensive.
- One study found that in 2015 the average construction cost (excluding land cost) for parking structures was about \$24,000 per space for aboveground parking and \$34,000 per space for underground parking
- One space in a parking structure, therefore, costs more than the entire net worth of more than half of all Hispanic and black households in the country.

Source:

https://www.citylab.com/perspective/2019/09/parking-lot-urban-planning-transit-street-traffic-congestion/598504/?utm_campaign=socialflow-organic&utm_content=citylab&utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=social



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