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Hello:

I have recently moved into an apartment over one of the stores on Thames Street and have run into an issue that I hope you can address.

During the day, I park in the Oxford Street lot across from the library, directly outside my apartment door. I am required to move my car every three hours, per the parking bylaw. This is very inconvenient and time consuming as I have a 20 month old son and a 3 week old daughter that I must dress, take downstairs with me and buckle into their car seats, all so that I can move the car to avoid a ticket.

I am a full time Fanshawe College student, with a part time job, so my car does not normally sit all day in the parking lot during the week. However, with two young children, being able to park near my apartment door during the days I am not in school or at work is a necessary convenience as I am toting two diaper bags (for two different care locations due to the ages of my children) and my school bag and laptop computer, in addition to carrying the baby in her seat and shepherding my son into the car.

I do not mind leaving my car in the Winter lot overnight as I can park the car there after my boyfriend finishes work and retrieve it in the mornings to load everything before he leaves for work.

However, I feel that those of us who are actually living downtown on Thames Street should be able to purchase a parking pass to allow us to leave our cars in the parking lots during the day without having to move them every three hours. I am not asking for parking on the main street – just for the opportunity, since I live there, to park in the large Oxford Street lot without having to move every two hours. I asked at the town offices if a daytime parking pass was available, and was told that there is no such item at this time.

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Parking

I hope you will consider my request, and I await your response.

Thank you.

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