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**SENATE RESOLUTION 2223 – 061**  
**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE PROPOSED INCREASES TO PARKING PERMIT**  
**PRICES IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

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**Whereas** the Student Government Association has representatives on the advisory Butler University Parking Committee in order to provide student input and report back to the organization concerning parking information from university administration, and

**Whereas** the Butler University Division of Finance and Administration has proposed increases in prices of parking permits for the 2023-2024 academic year going forward which were presented to the Butler University Parking Committee on January 17, 2023, and with final numbers received on January 30, 2023, and

**Whereas** it is understood that the parking permit prices have not been increased since the 2018-2019 academic year and both Butler University generally and Parking Services specifically have still been able to function and have adequate funding for projects including new parking signage and general lot maintenance, and

**Whereas** these price increases impact all student parking pass (AV, B, T, I, & C) prices, and

**Whereas** these price increases are thought necessary by university administration to curb high demand for parking spots on campus (Appendix A), and

**Whereas** Butler University students will not be dissuaded from having a car on campus by the proposed increases (Appendix B), and



**Whereas** the proposed changes listed in the chart presented (Appendix B) were not even the final rates decided, with more drastic changes being picked as final numbers for the proposal (Appendix C), including a raise of over 14% for some permits, and

**Whereas** these changes will only go to make acquiring a parking pass harder for lower income students, and

**Whereas** these same students are more likely to be working while in school and thus have need to have a car on campus, increased parking permit prices will not discourage these students from parking on campus, simply make it harder, add more expense, and create a necessity for more work in order for these students to have necessary transportation, and

**Whereas** this could have clear implications for these students academic careers at Butler University, and

**Whereas** it is understood that students take up the majority of parking on campus, and

**Whereas** these changes impact all parking permits with the very notable exception of A, FIR, and other faculty and staff permits, and

**Whereas** it is an undue burden placed upon students to increase their parking permits prices while not making proportional changes to the rates faced by university administrators, faculty, and staff, and

**Whereas** the Student Government Association does not want the university administration, faculty, and staff to bear unaffordable parking passes either, and



**Whereas** the reasoning behind not also including university administrators, faculty, and staff in these increases is unclear, it is of note that this proposal about price increases is created by, and goes through an approval process led by, university administrators, faculty, and staff, and

**Whereas** to attend school at Butler University is already incredibly costly for students and families, and these rate increases will not help attract and retain students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, a goal that Butler University should be striving towards, and

**Whereas** it is the duty of the Student Government Association to stand up for students and to hold Butler University accountable for actions it takes which are unjust to populations in our campus community, let it be

**Resolved** that the Butler University Student Government Association condemns the university administration for these proposed increases to the parking permit rates for 2023-2024, and let it be further

**Resolved** that the Butler University Student Government Association officially opposes any increases of parking permit costs from current rates, and let it be further

**Resolved** that the Butler University Student Government Association calls upon Butler University Vice President of Finance and Administration Bruce Arick, in his role of issuing final approval on proposed rate increases, to reject any proposal or suggestion that increases the cost of parking permits for students.

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**Vote:**

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

**Signatures:**

  
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Reagan Markland, Speaker of the Student Senate

  
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Cade Chezem, Student Body President



**Appendix A:**

*Excerpt from email sent by Jeremy Moore, Butler University's Associate Director of Parking and Transportation Services, to members of, and those interested in, the Butler University Parking Committee.*

*Date: Friday, January 13, 2023*

*Email subject: Butler University Parking Committee - January 17 Meeting*

“I have attached the agenda for our meeting on Tuesday. Please pay attention to the new topics section as I know there will be a lot of discussion at this meeting over those.

- The parking rates schedule for AY 22-23. The new student rates were suggested by Bruce do [sic] to the high parking demand. There is no increase on staff and faculty. Permit rates have not increased since AY 18-19.”



**Appendix B:**

Chart showing rates for parking passes for the 2023-2024 academic year. Parking permits impacted are AV, B, T, I, & C.

Chart was included in an email sent by Jeremy Moore, Butler University's Associate Director of Parking and Transportation Services, to members of, and those interested in, the Butler University Parking Committee.

Date: Friday, January 13, 2023

Email subject: Butler University Parking Committee - January 17 Meeting

AY 23-24 Permit Rates					AY 22 - 23 Permit Rates					Proposed Change from 17-18 to 19-20				
Permit Type	July-Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-June	Permit Type	July-Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-June	Permit Type	July-Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-June
A (Staff)	140	105	70	35	A (Staff)	140	105	70	35	A (Staff)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
A (Faculty)	140	105	70	35	A (Faculty)	140	105	70	35	A (Faculty)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
A (Emeritus)	0	0	0	0	A (Emeritus)	0	0	0	0	A (Emeritus)	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
A (Adjunct)	70	53	35	18	A (Adjunct)	70	53	35	18	A (Adjunct)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
A (PT Staff)	70	53	35	18	A (PT Staff)	70	53	35	18	A (PT Staff)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
A1 (Fall Only)	70	35	0	0	A1 (Fall Only)	70	35	0	0	A1 (Fall On)	0.00%	0.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
FIR	140	105	70	35	FIR	140	105	70	35	FIR	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
PG	50	38	25	13	PG	50	38	25	13	PG	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
M	54	41	27	14	M	54	41	27	14	M	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
AV	285	214	143	71	AV	265	199	133	66	AV	7.55%	7.54%	7.55%	7.55%
B	285	214	143	71	B	265	199	133	66	B	7.55%	7.54%	7.55%	7.55%
T	285	214	143	71	T	265	199	133	66	T	7.55%	7.54%	7.55%	7.55%
I	150	113	75	38	I	140	105	70	35	I	7.14%	7.62%	7.14%	7.14%
C	150	113	75	38	C	140	105	70	35	C	7.14%	7.62%	7.14%	8.57%
E	50	38	25	13	E	50	38	25	13	E	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
R	0	0	0	0	R	0	0	0	0	R	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
CTS	0	0	0	0	CTS	0	0	0	0	CTS	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

- 1) Faculty/Staff permits - zero increase
- 2) Student Permits Av, B and T - 7.55% increase
- 3) Student permits C & I - 7.14% increase



**Appendix C:**

*Excerpt from email sent by Jeremy Moore, Butler University's Associate Director of Parking and Transportation Services, to members of, and those interested in, the Butler University Parking Committee.*

*Date: Friday, January 30, 2023*

*Email subject: Butler University Parking Committee - AY 23-24 Parking Permit Rates*

“I mistakenly bringing [sic] information to you from the front of my communication with the VP rather than the final rates at the end of the communication. The final permits were higher (\$10) than that and I should have presented these numbers from the start...

- Student permits proposed for an increase:
  - B, AV and T permits are currently \$265 and will be raised to \$295 (11.32%).
  - I permits are currently \$140 and will be raised to \$160 (14.29%).
  - C permits are currently \$140 and will be raised to \$150 (7.14%).
- Staff and Faculty permits have not been increased.”