

Dayton considers paying for parking

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DAYTON - Dayton City Council on Tuesday will consider adopting an incentive program for people to create off-street parking.

The program would be similar to ones used in other cities, including neighboring Bellevue.

Dayton's program would offer people \$250 for one parking space and a maximum of \$500 for creating two off-street spaces.

Councilwoman Penny Mastruserio Hurtt proposed the ordinance. Residents had approached her wanting to improve parking in the city, Hurtt said.

While finding a parking spot in Dayton isn't impossible, it has gotten more difficult, Hurtt said.

The growth expected with the 2,000-home Manhattan Harbour development under way on Dayton's riverfront makes it important to have more parking, Hurtt said.

"I saw a real need for it," Hurtt said. "You have people that have three, four or five cars, and the street space is limited. There are so many residences that have the possibility for people to put a parking pad on their property."

The money would come out of the same fund the city has for paying people to reduce the number of rental units in the city, Hurtt said.

"I think it will hopefully create a better neighborhood," Hurtt said. "There will be less friction if parking is a little bit nicer."

The City Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Dayton City Building, 514 Sixth Ave.