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# **Overnight parking regulations not helping our struggling citizens**

## **Statement of Alderman Khalif J. Rainey October 14, 2020**

During yesterday's meeting of the full Common Council, I voted against legislation to begin enforcement of Milwaukee's overnight parking regulations starting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The file was approved by the Council, and I was the only member voting 'NO' on it.

The enforcement was stopped earlier this year as the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and its reinstatement now means thousands of city residents will be forced to purchase overnight parking permits and worry about whether they are parked on the street appropriately.

I believe it is insensitive and simply wrong for the city to be proactively putting another financial burden on our residents – a large percentage of whom live in densely populated neighborhoods that have been hit hard by a still simmering surge in COVID-19 cases – while they are struggling in so many ways.

Struggling to receive unemployment benefits.

Struggling to put food on the table.

Struggling to pay their rent or mortgage.

Struggling to avoid eviction or foreclosure.

Struggling with educating their children in a challenging virtual learning environment.

And the list goes on and on.

The vote yesterday was not a difficult one for me, and I will continue to stand up for my constituents and for what I believe is right and just.

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