

Austin College

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Opinion Resolution: Visitor Parking Resolution

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Alarmed by recent events which have left many students feeling insecure about walking around campus at night, especially in areas with poor lighting or at the fringes of campus,

Calling attention to the fact that visitor parking spots take up space, are empty most of the time, and prevent students from parking closer to home, which causes many students to feel nervous while walking home at night, and frustrated that they cannot park at these unoccupied spots,

Elevating the voices of Caruth residents, who unanimously expressed a desire for safe and reliable parking near their home, generally through either:

- 1) the elimination of the reserved 24-hour visitor parking spots and/or
- 2) the provision of parking spots specifically reserved for Caruth residents

Although the abundance of visitor spots are convenient on a couple major event days per year for about 25 visitors, on a day-to-day basis only 1 or 2 spots are generally taken at any given time, leaving the rest of the parking spaces unavailable to students, faculty, and staff,

Confused as to why the convenience of a small number of visitors is prioritized over the comfort of our own paying Austin College students, who are ticketed \$50 when parking in these open parking spots, often just for a short period of time,

Reminding the student body and campus administration that the visitor parking spots at Wortham lot were only established out of necessity due to renovation operations which blocked access to the existing visitor parking in Zauc circle, but were never opened back up once the renovation was complete,

Acknowledging a small number of hospitable visitor parking spots adjacent to Wortham for parents or prospective students to drop in and ask questions is reasonable,

Be it Resolved: Student Assembly demands, that for the great convenience of the entire student body, the 24-hour visitor parking in the Adams and Wortham parking lots be *removed*, with the exception of two at the Adams center and four at the Wortham parking lot.

