

Problem Statement

Parking at the Standard Columbia, which is an off campus living area, is not convenient for all residents.

Details

Living in an apartment has its ups and downs. Fortunately, when coming to college you get to experience living on your own and meeting new people. Unfortunately, some of these apartment buildings that are in the city do not have enough parking for the amount residence that they have. My argument is that every apartment building in the city should have parking especially for students that may not be from here and must have a car. I feel that it will make the residence feel safe when they are miles away from home knowing that their vehicle is safe.

Who is experiencing the problem?

The people experiencing the problem are the residents who do not have parking but own a car. The residents who have to have a car up here may not have any friends or family to take them from place to place.

What is the problem?

The problem is that there are only 4 decks with about 15-20 spaces each which is not nearly enough for 678 residents. This may make some people feel unsafe if they have to park elsewhere and walk by themselves to the apartment and it may cause other residents to park at a meter which can be very expensive.

Where does the problem present itself?

The problem presents itself in the city of Columbia and sometimes I know it can be hard to provide parking in the city but when it comes to making sure people are safe within their living area, I feel that that is more important.

Why does it matter?

I believe this matters because the resident's safety, peace of mind, and property should be valued. I know that when I have to park almost two blocks down and walk back to my apartment sometime even at night, I really don't feel the safest. I also worry about my car being touched because it's not locked behind a garage or gate, and I know that others feel the same way.