

Issues with off-campus parking near the St Edwards campus:

- There is insufficient parking at an acceptable price point on campus for the students, clients, employees, and contractors who visit the campus. INSUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF ON-CAMPUS PARKING.
- As a result, some seeking to visit the campus park in nearby residential neighborhoods to the south, west and north of campus.
- St Edwards currently refuses to bear the cost of providing parking for its students, clients, employees and contractors.
- The Residential Permit Program (RPP) has been advanced by the school as a remedy.
- The residents in RPP zones and taxpayers at large must bear 100% of the direct and indirect costs associated with the implementation and maintenance of the RPP program.
- RPP does not create a larger supply of OFF-CAMPUS parking. Vehicles are simply moved to other locations where RPP is not in effect. An illustration is the parking of vehicles on Braeswood Drive that have been relocated there because of RPP on Willow Springs (implemented a few years ago). Likewise, RPP on Braeswood will cause vehicles to be relocated to another area. RPP is not a solution; RPP merely moves the problem.
- St Edwards favors RPP because it does not bear any of the direct or indirect cost.
- High property values and continued local development (both on- and off-campus) suggest these problems will worsen in the future.
- St Edwards has bought the El Gallo property. Development of that property will doubtless lead to an increase in demand for Off-campus parking nearby. All residential properties on the perimeter of the campus will be affected. St Edwards has blocked off the site so no vehicles can be parked there.

Conclusions:

- RPP fails to address the root cause of the parking problems--INSUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF ON-CAMPUS PARKING.
- SRCC has a long history of working effectively with St Edwards to mitigate adverse effects from the way the school manages its property. Dawson and SRCC neighborhood associations, working together, can fully recognize the scope of the parking issues and attempt to influence constructive change in the behavior of the school. The school prides itself on its community involvement, and we can help them become worthy of that pride.

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