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Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members of the City of Austin:

On behalf of the residents and owners of Burleson Court, we are writing this letter in an attempt to secure your help in improving the living conditions on our street. We are asking for your support in approving the re-zoning plan for the Parker Lane Neighborhood Plan Combining District. This plan, we feel, will help to address many of our concerns. In particular, we implore you to implement the "no parking in yards" ordinance. We are desperately trying to save the beauty and livability of our street.

Even though Burleson Court has had its challenges over the last few years, we have, for the most part, been able to preserve its natural beauty, i.e., its many mature trees and green lawns. In an effort to maintain this beauty we have planted over 14 trees in the last 2 years. We have many owner-occupants on the street, as well as many residents who enjoy living here. Sadly though, our neighborhood is beginning to show signs of gradual decline due to two yards in particular, that have been totally destroyed over the past year, and a third yard that is on its way to being destroyed. What were beautiful green lawns just a short time ago are now totally barren fields of dirt. These yards have become arid and dusty during dry spells and muddy swamps (becoming perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes as well) whenever it rains. These properties have become, in all honesty, depressing eyesores. We simply cannot understand how any tenant or owner could feel positive about turning their yards into ugly tracts of dirt. In fact, we would go as far as to say that this is the equivalent a "slum creation program," being that one of the first indicators of an emerging slum are barren, dusty fields of dirt where healthy green lawns once flourished.

People such as us, who care about their neighborhoods, are greatly disheartened by this encroaching ugliness—to the point where many responsible and caring tenants are willing to consider leaving the area, and responsible, caring owners become ultimately frustrated and decide to sell their property. Unfortunately, slum lords often take over, extracting rents and reinvesting very little back into the neighborhood. It is a vicious cycle of decline and ugliness that is all too common in our area. It is ironic to note that we are just a little over 1/4 mile from Travis Heights and not a single owner or resident parks on their lawns. Please give us the same opportunity to improve and turn around our neighborhood. We are a small street with a cull de sac but we take as much pride in our neighborhood as any other. A majority of the owners and tenants agree with this written request. We find it intolerable that only 2 owners on the street (with 3 properties) have neither the pride of, nor consideration for, maintaining the natural beauty and health of their properties. Everyone else, owners and residents alike, wish to preserve and promote our precious green spaces.

Please help us to preserve our neighborhood and its natural beauty. Please help us to continue our efforts of improving our neighborhood. We have many caring, responsible, and concerned residents who wish to continue providing safe and beautiful living spaces for their families.

A yard parking ban would be a giant step in the right direction—one that is needed now, before many more healthy green lawns are turned into ugly fields of dirt. The irony in this is that there is no need to park on the yards in this neighborhood: the yards in question, where cars are parked on lawns, often have totally empty driveways.

We are including a list of owners and residents who are imploring you to help us. As we have had little or no representation of any kind over the last 15 years, we are now joining forces and concerns to form our own neighborhood association. We won't be asking for much help and will continue to work among ourselves to improve our street by planting trees and gardens and maintaining our lawns, and we do thank the Austin Police, the Solid Waste inspectors and the City Council for supporting our worthy cause.

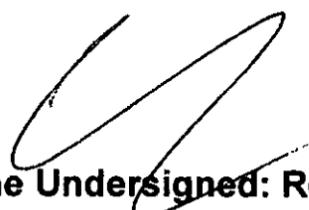
It is well known that the city of Austin is very concerned about neighborhood beauty. We would ask only that the working class people and lower-income residents receive the same support and recognition as the wealthier areas of the city, and that they are given the opportunity (and choice) to live in neighborhoods with trees and grass.

We love our neighborhood. Burleson Court is a street with many families that have children. Let's allow them to have a neighborhood with green grass for yards instead of rutted, fields of dirt.

Please help all of us by passing the Yard Parking Ban and the other rezoning on Burleson Court and for the entire Parker Lane area. We thank you for your time and for your efforts in wanting to "Keep Austin Green."

Sincerely,

The residents and owners of Burleson Ct.


**The Undersigned: Residents and Owners of Burleson Court
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Bill Zileski Bill Zileski 2423 owner
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William + Kimberly Hiles W Hiles 2404 resident
(Print Name) (Signature) 2404 resident

Brandi Shehan Brandi Shehan
(Print Name) Margaret Coose (Signature) 2402 owner + resident

Margaret Coose Margaret Coose
(Print Name) (Signature) 2400 resident

Robert Robert Chapman
(Print Name) (Signature)

Eva Perodotti Eva Perodotti 2400 owner + resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

Rachelle McKinney Rachelle McKinney 2408 resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

Edith Herrera Edith Herrera 2403 resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

Sonny Page Sonny Page 2407 tenant
(Print Name) (Signature)

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LEE MOSS Lee Moss 2407A
(Print Name) (Signature) resident

BRAD ARMSTRONG [Signature] 2407B
(Print Name) (Signature)

CONNIE HOWE [Signature] 2406B resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

DAVID WEBSTER [Signature] 2406 owner
(Print Name) (Signature)

HILARY STEWARTSON [Signature] 2423 resident
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MELISSA FINCH Melissa Finch 2405 resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

Peter Orlegu [Signature] 2400 resident
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KEVIN SPINAR Kevin Salinas 2421A resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

MARIA GROVARE Maria Grovar 2421A resident
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Elvia Palacio ELVIA PALACIO 2417 resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

Nikki Roszel [Signature] 2414 owner/resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

Joni Friedrich [Signature] 2414 resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

Dick Jongeling [Signature] 2421 owner/resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

Henry Flores [Signature] 2419 owner
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Lauren Schwartz [Signature] 2414 resident
(Print Name) (Signature)

Megan Hammond [Signature] 2414 resident
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Mary Selvera [Signature] 2415 B resident
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Armando SELVERA [Signature] 2415 B resident
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2418 B
resident

Ryan Lyssy
(Print Name)

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2410 B
resident
2410

Ruben Valdez
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Ruben Valdez
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B resident

Julian Ruiz
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resident

Lupita Ruiz
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2401
resident

Frank Calderon
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Frank Calderon
(Signature)

2401 (A)
resident

Emily Siegel
(Print Name)

Emily Siegel
(Signature)

2403
owner/occupant

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

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