

## Survey comments 2011

### Similar comment categories:

- 38=parking not consistent, too confusing
- 20=need/build more parking
- 17=need/keep free parking
- 12=employee parking concerns
- 11=in favor of pay parking
- 9=No parking problem (good as is)
- 9=concerns about electronic system (not patron friendly)
- 9=condos don't provide enough space
- 6=not in favor of pay parking

1. 2 first hours free then 3 dollars hour up to 2 hours (4 tot)
2. offer parking passes for employees of businesses to park >2
3. don't feel qualified to weigh in
4. Free parking for those that make short visits is a must
5. Paying for parking in Kirkland discourages downtown usage
6. silly field almost gave up on survey because it wanted this
7. More parking=better downtown experience.
8. We pay taxes - parking should be free!
9. It is too complicated!
10. (I don't understand what I'm supposed to answer here.)
11. I would love commuter parking near the new transit center
12. I can always find parking
13. Pick one paytime. One system. Who can figure all this out???
14. Need some pay spaces during the day, 9 to 5.
15. The new 'camera' scam is hindering business.
16. i think the parking is confusing - some are free, some cost.
17. Build parking under Heritage Hall, put lid on Marina lot
18. Too many huge SUVs and trucks...discourage them from pkg
19. The money spent on the new computer enforcement was too much
20. Prohibit downtown employees from using the lots
21. It is always frustrating to park downtown.
22. Enforcement should include watching employees move their car
23. There aren't enough parking slots, period.
24. I'll go to Bellevue or Lynnwood from now on.
25. Depends on time of day and day of week.
26. TOO INCONSISTENT! MAKE RULES THE SAME FOR ALL LOTS.

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27. Evening pay signs need to look different than daytime paysig
28. form broken
29. Some parking stalls are too small, i. e., Merrill Gardens
30. Hold new developments to higher parking stall ratios.
31. pay parking should be during the day, not at night
32. Kirkland needs a convenient, inexpensive parking garage.
33. Parking is insufficient for the clustered businesses
34. If no parking is available, we go to another city.
35. Rates and hours are confusing
36. Need to build a parking building/structure it would help biz
37. We need more parking spaces down town
38. U should not have bought hi tech prkng enforce system
39. Traffic downtown makes parking a problem
40. space reserved for random opinion
41. There isn't enough accessible parking near the Marina
42. you need to charge for Sunday parking i.e. \$1
43. Too many different signs - keep with one theme please!
44. We need more than one public parking garage (library)
45. Kirkland Needs More Parking
46. Which 'trip' are questions below referencing?
47. Keep Lake Ave West under current regs
48. Often times the parking payment machines don't work.
49. too much unauthorized parking on ae Ave. W.
50. The parking rules on the signs are way too complicated.
51. Parking seems fine to me
52. So many places to park outside of these lots!
53. Going into Kirkland for lunch is a big hassle. Evenings OK.
54. there is not enough parking near the waterfront and restaurant
55. why is this field required?
56. Free 2 hour limit is fair; parking should be free in evening
57. Add more quick parking spots (ex: 15 min.)
58. Perhaps collect revenues in late evening?
59. Parking is a mess
60. parking availability directly tied to time of day, seasons
61. I think the businesses would do much better if there was more
62. hard to park downtown
63. don't work in Kirkland

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64. during the dinner hour, parking downtown is a pain
65. You are doing extremely well with what you have!
66. An additional parking structure (like the library)--nice!
67. pay parking by lake is confusing
68. Don't understand what this is for?
69. Would like more free parking options
70. Need more stalls within a few blocks of the marina
71. New development grossly underestimates parking requirement
72. need waterfront tasty food
73. I wish the library parking underground had open hours.
74. Just wait until ParkPlace is rebuilt...parking nightmare!
75. Other: Pay parking from 9am-5pm only
76. Other: No time limits
77. Other: all lots pay streets free
78. Other: Grace period of 30 min. for paid parking
79. Parking is tough for DT employees. Hard to find and not long enough. Employees should be offered parking passes so they can park for longer periods. Thanks!
80. Stop wasting police resources by enforcing parking. Contract that minor job to private industry. Police should serve & protect the public. They should not be meter maids. It is bad PR for police to give out parking tickets. It is bad for Kirkland's reputation, bad for first time visitors and bad for business.
81. I don't like the 2 hr parking limit. I was having lunch and got a ticket for staying for 2 hrs 20 minutes. I guess next time I will go to Bellevue or Redmond for lunch, so I don't have to worry about moving my car. Makes me feel like you don't want people staying in Kirkland for more than 2 hrs at a time.
82. I am very concerned about the new "electronic" marking of vehicles.  
On some days I make multiple trips into town, bank, UPS store, etc, etc, and often park in the same spot (I have my favorites :-)) that I parked in earlier. I can see the possibility that I park, am "tagged", leave within a few minutes, come back a couple hours later and park in the same spot, and am seen as having never left. If I EVER get a ticket because of this new system I will completely stop doing business in downtown Kirkland.
83. This survey appears to be focused on how to extend and use pay parking in Kirkland. I

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entirely disagree with this approach and strongly encourage the City to remove pay parking stalls and return Kirkland to free parking. We are discouraging downtown usage by requiring diners to pay to park.

84. Kirkland residents should be allowed to purchase time using a device that hangs from the rear view mirror similar to Aspen Colorado.

85. Please build a large parking garage, with parking for employees, shoppers and dining, make Kirkland a destination not a parking hassle. I often shop and eat in Bellevue just because I know where free parking is and that parking is always available. Bring business back to Kirkland, start with parking and I believe shops will follow. Tax revenue will come from a downtown that has year round business not just summer evening walkers.

86. We pay city taxes, property taxes, business taxes. Why do we then again have to pay another fee to park - it's ridiculous. Our businesses don't thrive because of this.

87. The garage at the library is not adequate. Too many spaces are reserved, and the reserved stalls are poorly signed. The library employees should NOT be given spaces at the top lot by the book drop entrance. Half the lot is dedicated to employees, which makes quick library stops impossible or painful.

88. I think the problem is there is not enough parking. If you want to encourage people to come to Downtown Kirkland, they need somewhere to park that's convenient. Otherwise, they will go to a mall to shop or elsewhere to enjoy parks, and downtown businesses will go out of business. Parking, in general, in Kirkland has been something that the Kirkland planning department has never done well.

89. I go to Park Place Mall because of free parking.

I use the Library lot, but it is farther than I want to walk for some places. Having to park on Lake Street is a hassle because of traffic. Parking lots have so many restrictions I don't bother learning them. Pay hours are strange--at night but not in the day? I have gotten more parking tickets (3) in Kirkland than anywhere else in the country.

90. Your control directions are not working. Therefore, I cannot make multiple selections above. Therefore, your survey is not accurate!

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91. I commute to downtown Seattle. I park on residential side streets that do not have parking restrictions. I travel by Metro to Seattle. I don't use the South Kirkland Park and Ride lot as I live closer to Downtown Kirkland than the location of the lot. I would love to have the option to park downtown Kirkland and take the bus to Seattle. I absolutely refuse to pay \$1 an hour to park. That is absurd, especially since the lot (where the Antique Store used to be) is 90% vacant most days. Why not offer Kirkland residents a monthly parking permit, payable to the city for the option of parking in that lot so that those of us living closer to Downtown Kirkland don't jam the city streets in the afternoon when the bus lets us off. The transit center is beautiful and a wonderful option for residents, but not for \$12.00 per day parking!!
92. You've made downtown Kirkland totally unappealing to visit. Take the bus? Oh, the one that runs every half hour or so when it feels like it? You need a standardized parking policy, times, and pay systems. The Library Garage is totally confusing on where you're supposed to park. Every time I visit downtown Kirkland I feel like it's nothing more than a trap that the city hopes I'll screw up and end up with a parking ticket. Way to encourage me to visit downtown. Not. I go to Bellevue or Redmond. They WANT my business and realize the Eastside was designed for CARS.
93. Tough balance between (needed) pay parking and "visitor friendly".  
Need to promote the fact that there is plenty of parking around City Hall, and in the block up in Norkirk and West of Market. It is not THAT far to walk, and downtown would be totally horrible if EVERY merchant had enough parking for its patrons just in front of their business. Only way to solve that "desire" would to put the cars underground (or out on the lake - floating platform, maybe we should buy the old SR 520 pontoons...).
94. We absolutely must have some pay parking during the day. Some pay spaces on the streets would be nice, so that spaces next to the stores that aren't right by the pay lots are available.
95. Most of the bottom floor of the Kirkland Library structure is signed for some sort of permit parking. I did not expect that when I wound all the way down there and did not expect it to be enforced on the weekend. Several dozen good spots were sitting empty because of this.
96. Please get rid of the new 'cameras' on the parking enforcement vehicles. It's confusing to everyone including the meter patrol. The new 'camera's are hurting business and sending people to Bellevue for shopping. The current metered parking arrangement is / was working great. Pay to park between 5 and 9 and limited 3 hour parking prior was ideal.

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97. The parking lots are confusing some are pay and some are free. Employees should park further away, library or other to open the spaces for shoppers. i also think that Park Lane should be closed to cars and pedestrian only during the summer so the restaurants can expand their outdoor areas or vendors or musicians could have activities.
98. Please restripe the parking lots. It's difficult to see some of the lines that separate the spaces.
99. Plenty of parking. If business wishes more customers, build more multiple units within walking distance of downtown.
100. The current parking situation in downtown encourages me to go elsewhere to have lunch where parking is abundant. That has to hurt businesses.
101. I often choose NOT to go t downtown Kirkland due to the parking situation
102. **Enough already, Kirkland doesn't have a parking problem. The problem is,** people are lazy and won't walk. If you found an on street spot in Seattle 5 blocks from your destination, you'd be thrilled. Here in Kirkland people still think they need park right in front of their destination.
103. I live 6 blocks from downtown so I often walk. I believe that overall, the parking it good but I am not a regular user. I do think we need better signage and even re-paint the curbs for more effect. I think we should continue with 3 hour free and 30 min free; I do like the pay at night as we have so many people who visit in the evening and the revenue makes sense to me. I saw the article about updating the parking enforcement, love that idea. I sure hope the nice lady who does this job keeps a job. Don't lose people due to technology.
104. While eating at Amici the owner of ice cream shop went out to move his car and the waiter we had left to move his car and when we need the manager to verify use of a coupon he was gone to move his car. Employee parking is a big problem. Same thing happens when visiting salons in Kirkland. And seems most in the nail salons prefer to park right in front of their stores.
105. If free parking becomes obsolete, I will be making fewer trips to downtown Kirkland. I already avoid coming to downtown if possible because so much of what retail is offered is irrelevant to my lifestyle.

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106. When I go downtown to meet people for coffee or breakfast in the morning, there's no problem finding a space. But I've given up on trying to find a space on summer evenings, particularly Friday or Saturday, because there's just no spaces available.
107. Parking rules should be consistent and apply to all spaces. Too confusing to constantly have to figure out the rules at each street or each lot. Parking rules should also be simple. Just charge from 9 am to 9 pm.
108. I park 3 or more blocks away from downtown as I am unsure of which lots are pay after 5Pm and which lots stop being paid lots after 5PM.
109. I've worked downtown since 2000. In 2000 there was lots of parking. Then the city let developers build apts/condos with one stall per unit. They all have two cars per unit. Guess where they park? On the streets. So now the city is either going to have to live with inadequate parking or the taxpayers will have to build more parking to accommodate the developers tenants parking needs. You need to change the parking code to require more off street parking for new developments.
110. It was Wednesday Market so crowded. Usually walk to downtown to avoid parking hassle and I live close. Visitors usually complain about parking availability and parking enforcement. I have received at least 3 parking tickets and have lived here 6 years.
111. Parking rates and hours and rules vary so much that it is very confusing. It's hard to plan where you're going to park.
112. I think what the city has done on the parking situation has been a great effort. The parking fees are reasonable and generate some income for the city. I do think that we need to continue to keep some free parking as it is currently set up balanced with the paid parking in the lot areas. I feel that we need to build a parking structure somewhere downtown to provide more parking that will facilitate easy affordable parking for patrons and allow downtown businesses thrive all year round.
113. To many and confusing signs. We dont need a sign every 20 feet
114. Need signage to Park lane lot on Central and Lake

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115. Some significant amount of parking needs to be at the edge of downtown in a parking structure, or better, in an underground parking lot. Among other things, this could be a place for downtown employees to park. I only see a problem on summer weekends and think the above can be a long term direction. The messy traffic downtown is a much an issue for me as the parking.
116. paid parking just results in a lot of empty spots
117. There isn't enough parking for easy access to the Marina. There isn't enough parking near many of the restaurants.
118. As someone who worked and owned a business in downtown and a resident of Kirkland here are my suggestions.
1. enforce by towing cars of residents who live in the apt. buildings above store fronts if they park in front of businesses on Sundays and other days.
  2. In Marina Park on Sundays have people pay for parking -even if it's \$5 for the day as visitors to the downtown on weekends should help with the revenue to pay for picking up their garbage and crap afterwards
  3. hire another parking enforcer so Sundays can be achievable or Mondays should be free parking - thus Kirkland residents can get something.
- good luck
119. I try to avoid dining/shopping in Kirkland at night, especially in the summer, simply because parking is such a nightmare.
120. The downtown merchants need an ample supply of parking if they are to survive. And because Kirkland has a "small downtown" feel, paying a lot of money for parking does not seem fair and does not help their cause. Kirkland is not a downtown Seattle and Bellevue Square parking is free so people become accustomed to this amenity. No doubt, this is a difficult balance to maintain.
121. People that don't live here and use the lots often find the pay parking signage very confusing (especially where there are 2 signs that appear to be one for a stall on each side but are just general signage). I can usually find a spot, however, the problem for me is that I'd like to do multiple things- 'buy local' maybe have a facial, then WEds Market, then dinner but depending on where I park I'll have to move my car which is a pain (tires are always chalked).

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Also frustrating that there isn't much buffer time- I was once 15 mins past my 2 hrs and had a ticket waiting for me.

122. Please continue current parking regs for Lake Ave West. Do Not allow general parking all along the street.
123. I am a resident on Lake Ave West. There is a restricted parking area (permit required) for most of the street. I have noticed that there are more and more cars parking in the restricted area that don't have permits. Please have our parking officers issue tickets (especially on the weekends) more pro-actively. Thank you. If you would like to contact me, my phone number is 425/522-4046. My name is Moe Krabbe
124. I don't mind walking several blocks to my destination, but I don't think that is everyone's viewpoint.
125. There is so much nearby streetparking! I have never had a problem finding a parking space in downtown Kirkland. Sure, sometimes I walk a few blocks, but most of the time I'm going multiple places anyway (e.g., library to Caffe Ladro to the marina). Some days, there's plenty of lot parking. Other days, other people beat me to it. The important thing is that it's easy to find nearby, free street parking at any time. Heck, even when I play gigs at the Wilde Rover, there's street parking that makes carrying musical equipment a breeze. Seriously. We're discussing this? (I read about it on the Kirkland blog...)
126. 3 hr free parking is too much. have employees get permits. the rest should pay or walk. also not many people know about parking in the library - would be good to make better signs!
127. i would charge for daytime parking.
128. More parking means more income for the city
129. I'd love to see a few quick parking spots (15 minute) so that people who need to pick up items from local vendors and shops aren't deterred by parking congestion. Would also be interested in expanding Library parking to accommodate more cars and limiting the Marina traffic.
130. Employees are using the 3 hour parking then moving their cars at breaks. limit parking

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to 90 minutes or 2 hours I wish you could put \$ in a machine for a spot # so you don't need to take the receipt back and put it inside the car. That would be much less hassle.

131. I rarely part anywhere but the library now, as parking is such a pain.
132. I park at the downtown Kirkland Library parking structure 1-2 times/week to work. It's a four hour parking limit. So, I wind up driving for lunch, often just over the line into Redmond. This is rather dumb, as it means that I'm driving my car more (environmental) and not eating at the nice Kirkland downtown restaurants. I then wind up driving back and parking the rest of the afternoon at the library again. The library parking structure is usually never close to being full, so the whole thing feels kind of silly.
133. The pay parking by the lake is confusing. Signs say "pay now if arriving before 5 and staying after 5". Makes sense but the meters don't support it. Also, sometimes, the meters won't take your card. There should be signage saying, "meters are broken" so that I know I won't get a ticket because the equipment is broken. That said, it would be nice if there was another lot, like the library lot. Employees and shoppers should have plenty of parking.
134. Maintaining balance between pedestrians and automobile traffic should be key. Strive not to sacrifice the needs of one for the other. Neither all pedestrian nor all vehicular focus would be good. Build an underground structure a few blocks from the Marina with multiple levels of space for additional cars to encourage shoppers from nearby towns (Bellevue, Redmond, Woodinville).
135. How about forcing the developers to realistically estimate the impact of their structures on the parking situation and to provide an adequate amount of parking for employees and/or customers that whatever development they're doing will generate?
136. All condos should provide their own parking. We also need more driving lanes due to the influx of so many more residents.
137. Assure courtesy for visitors. Consider grace period.
138. Thanks so much for free 3-hr daytime parking at the Marina!
139. Keep parking affordable. Give a first time courtesy parking ticket, I was in a city once that did this and I thought it was nice.
140. We shouldn't have to pay for parking!

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141. I would stay longer and spend more money in Kirkland is I could park longer (at least 3 hours). Thanks, Norman Braun, Bellevue WA 425-865-9114.
142. I live in Lake Forest Park and only get to Kirkland once a year or two. I did not find the signs helpful but met two extremely nice market researchers giving out these forms who explained it to me.
143. It actually wasn't too bad finding a space. We came to the market & people shopping there were in & out & I noticed people finding spaces even if they had to wait a few minutes. I feel for the merchants downtown because I know the rents are HIGH and it is difficult right now to stay afloat. Kirkland SHOULD be a place that attracts people TO SHOP with a wide variety of shops/boutiques that don't keep going out a business due to HIGH rent. I came to Kirkland in 1972. Thank you.
144. Why are businesses in new buildings allowed to use library parking instead of parking within their new building? All buildings have applied for less parking than required. Are their tenants using the building parking?
145. I shop, dine, and go to salon in Kirkland. I like to go at least twice a month but parking can be a challenge! Thanks for the opportunity to share my input. Kathleen Daly, 425-881-3952
146. I love the free parking during business hours!
147. We just moved to Kirkland from Florida. Our first day here we received a parking ticket for exceeding our stay by 16 minutes. We got lost trying to find the car. Kirkland is a beautiful town attracting many visitors. A grace period for paid parking alleviates issues such as what our family experienced and will keep Kirkland tourist friendly = Revenue. :)
148. start picking up the trash rather than the parking ticket.
149. have stopped dining downtown due to poor parking access
150. Need to be able to park for more than 2 hours to shop/lunch
151. Free parking makes Kirkland more appealing to visitors
152. I try to walk to town and not drive when possible to avoid t
153. I know nothing about monthly parking.

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- 154. make all parking free for 3 hours
- 155. Another parking garage
- 156. Not enough stalls
- 157. if I have to pay, I go elsewhere
- 158. Confusing parking rules
- 159. not enough parking spaces
- 160. Non-locals seem to have trouble understanding the pay lots
- 161. We need more n/c parking for short term stays including pm
- 162. Hard to find parking evenings for dinner
- 163. business/services lots (ie. rock star tan) are filled by
- 164. Paying in the evenings takes away from the restaurants
- 165. Be careful. Bellevue's policy makes me avoid if possible.
- 166. Limit condos to 3 stories and require more parking with condo
- 167. Parking rules and regulations change in Kirkland as often as I change my two year olds diapers. Keep the parking as it is. The camera's are a joke and add more crap to my day than ...again my two year olds diaper. Use the old KISS slang.. 'keep it simple stupid.

This appears as a money grab and you're pissing off the masses to try and catch a cheater... Parking cheaters of all things really should not be at the top of your priority list. Better yet... Put camera's on the trash cans or just start picking up the trash. 52 different garbage cans 'full' of trash equally 52 garbage bags full of trash...

People come to Kirkland for the relaxed experience. If you want shoppers to move on to Bellevue keep up the micro-management of parking and the littered mess of downtown.

- 168. Often, I want to be in downtown Kirkland for more than 2 hours to shop, eat lunch, attend a yoga class etc. all at one. There are almost no spaces which will allow you to actually spend time spending money in Kirkland without having to move your car!
- 169. I am a little concerned about having this electronic chalk method of ticketing Kirkland patrons. It seems invasion and a little over the top to have your car photographed on a city computer and timed for parking ticket purposes. Is this REALLY necessary?? It certainly does not make me feel welcome in my downtown that I have enjoyed spending time since 1975. I spend a lot of time and money with family and friends enjoying my favorite Kirkland shops and restaurants and to be tracked like this makes me want to make other choices for dining and shopping. Thank you for listening.

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170. If the City of Kirkland is interested in increased tax revenue from prosperous business in the downtown area, why does the City chase away prospective customers by making customers pay for limited use of the few available parking areas? Does the City charge for parking in other parts of Kirkland or just Downtown?
171. there are way too many "permit only" spots at the library garage. often find it hard to find a spot here on busy summer days. city, hotel employees should park at the payed lots like antique mall and leave the free spots for visitors/customers/residents of the city. City should move forward on lakeshore plaza project adding more subterranean parking spots or add garage with free parking by city hall with shuttle service to downtown shops and restaurants and charge for in town lots.
172. You need additional pay machines. Also, they take a really long time to read your card and spit out a ticket. It took me longer to wait in line and get my ticket than it did to find parking.
173. These surveys always assume employees are parking in the spots. Is this really the case? Aren't the time limits enough to discourage this, or are they constantly moving cars around? I love to walk, shop, get coffee, etc. in the downtown area, but if I have to pay for parking I'll go elsewhere. More of the library garage seems to be designated for permit parking, is it used? The signs are very confusing in these lots because of the odd color choice. Looking at the colors used on the signs it looks like you pay all day Sundays and holidays, which I know isn't the case. Lastly, time of day and weather is always an issue with parking in these lots.
174. Some signs were covered by a paper sign re an upcoming special event so I didn't notice the parking sign that was partially obscured by low hanging tree branches. :(
175. Library parking lot needs better lighting.
176. If Kirkland intends to get serious and have a vibrant downtown, I suggest: 1) Spend time with officials in Bothell; They have vision and courage and will soon make Bothell a hot spot, 2) Travel to Kent Station and learn about how other officials with courage and wisdom are willing to solve the problem, 3) Move City Hall to Totem Lake at the Totem Lake Mall, near Evergreen Hospital and shift the entire focus of Lake and Central
177. not enough parking
178. We usually walk or get dropped off. The parking situation is very unfriendly. Our customers find very very difficult to park and in some cases avoid coming to our store due to very bad parking climate and confusion with parking. Public parking is not well marked. Better signage might help with parking. Signage as you are driving into town. The public library parking is not marked anywhere in town.

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179. Condo's are not providing enough parking space. Condos, particularly along Lake Wa, take up street parking. Now I see a proposed 5 story unit at the intersection of 10th avenue. Condos need to be limited to 3 stories and need to be required to provide additional parking to keep tenants cars off the streets.
180. 1.) Require new development to provide off-hour public parking; in addition to enough parking to accommodate all employees and customers. 2.) Require new multi-family development to provide enough parking for all its residents and a small percentage for public parking (5%). 3.) Refrain from adding more traffic creating development that our streets can accommodate.
181. Not nearly enough handicap spots. Harsher fines for parking in handicap spots w/o placard.
182. Downtown Kirkland is so congested all week and I won't go there on weekends due to that! The more parking available the better, especially free!
183. We need parking specifically marked for the cigar smoking group.
184. Employees should be parking at the library.
185. Get rid of stupid weedy roundabouts, I hate them all. Poorly spent money on outer section of Central and 6th. Should be ashamed of yourselves! Really!
186. Marina parking is a bit congested, one way streets are unhelpful. More parking by Ben & Jerry's as well as Houghton. Downtown central lot is excellent.
187. Enforce employees to park in library parking that will solve many problems in the short term.
188. The signs were very confusing at first. I used to think that since the sign was centered between two stalls that one was pay parking and the other was not. The idea for one free hour would be nice. It's annoying to have to pay an extra dollar for a latte. I doubt pay parking helps business.
189. I was not sure if I had to pay or not.
190. Parking availability depends on day and time; AMs are fairly easy, PMs are difficult, and lunch = crazy.
191. Need more parking to provide better business environment. Businesses haven't done well with the limited parking availability.
192. The parking regulations signs are extremely confusing. Also, in several instances a family member has been ticketed and not been notified until turned over to collections. Easier to shop somewhere else than to even worry about the hassle.
193. Too much permit parking in the library garage, add more public 4 hour parking. All parking should be free. Get more light system at corner of Lake Street & Kirkland Ave, it's ridiculous!

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194. Kirkland parking enforcement deters people from coming here.
195. I visit this area in the morning hours to avoid parking problems. That works well unless there is a concert in the park. I avoid the area in the afternoon and evenings because I am not sure I will find parking.
196. Two hour parking goes quickly if lunching, at least we didn't have to pay like in other communities or Seattle.
197. Parking machine work but it don't seem to work for debit cards.
198. I am able to use lots during non-peak times. Employees should not use lots, this has always been a problem.
199. Any chance a low-profile parking garage can be built in the area? I try to always park at the library general parking. It's a little confusing too. Once I figure out the pay lots I might try them. Only walked by them this time.
200. We rarely eat dinner in downtown Kirkland anymore because of the pay parking and the inconsistent signs, that always seem to change. It's too confusing and yet the spots don't seem to turn over any faster than before.
201. Parking ticket is expensive
202. Wasting our tax dollars on new high-tech parking monitoring systems for the purpose of collecting more tax dollars!
203. Please consider the use of lot attendants.
204. Don't mind paying if I need to stay longer than an hour, but don't want to pay for parking just to get a haircut.
205. Other: during the day when there a lot of open spaces, too much enforcement, need to have them out in the evening when there's no parking - frustrating!
206. Make pay stations more visible, allow handicapped free parking
207. Hard to get your hair done and do some shopping. I have moved all my business to Bellevue. Maybe offer free for hair salons.
208. Hard to shop and do dinner if limit to 2 hours. Have been going to Bellevue for easier parking.
209. Just moved from MN, impressed with what the city has done with such a limited space area
210. I was very confused by signage. Had to meet a client for lunch and had to circle for 5 minutes. Makes me want to avoid downtown during busy peaks.
211. Need more parking!!
212. If you noticed the turnover in shops is very high. People need to be able to park and be attracted to good venues at reasonable costs. This is driving people away, including

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myself. I've lived here for 25 years, I'm leaving in one year due to this.

- 213. Live at 206 3rd Ave. S. see parking violators ignoring signage in the neighborhood.
- 214. Parking signs are too confusing.
- 215. Increase parking limit to 4 hours for cars with kids (lunch & park)
- 216. Prohibit employees from using the parking lots: good luck enforcing that
- 217. Pay parking all-day on the weekends
- 218. Other: make the signs clearer
- 219. Other: offer shuttle from Park n Ride
- 220. Other: current system seems ok