

Date: February 27, 2018

RE: Downtown Milwaukee Parking Ordinance

On behalf of members from CARW, BOMA, Milwaukee Downtown

Safety and security are important to all downtown stakeholders. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to work with City leadership, Milwaukee Police Department (MPD), building owners and safety and security personnel on changes to the parking lot licenses process with the intended result of improving safety in our City parking lots.

In response to the Alderman's proposed legislation, property owners, managers, representatives from CARW, BOMA, the Downtown BID and parking operators rapidly responded by looking at best practices, analyzing data and convening conversations about sustainable solutions. This ordinance is the result of public-private work to bring greater understanding and transparency to the parking-lot license process. Inclusion of a security plans have always been requested as part of the licensing, but many approved licenses had not included them. In addition to the legislation itself, the MPD will now provide data to property owners and parking operators relative to crime trends for monitoring and action. BOMA has also offered to provide education campaigns and include MPD report to their membership.

Not only will there be greater accountability as a result of this process, but an ongoing communication between the building owners, parking operators, MPD and City officials.