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2 **Resolution Relating to**  
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**RESOLUTION**  
Sponsor(s): Councilors Shannon,  
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Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

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6 REMOVAL OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS  
7 FOR CAFES IN THE SHARED USE PARKING  
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12 **CITY OF BURLINGTON**

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14 In the year Two Thousand Thirteen.....

15 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

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17 That WHEREAS, the Burlington Comprehensive Development Ordinance requires cafés in the “Shared  
18 Use” parking districts to provide 1 parking space per 4 seats; and

19 WHEREAS most cafés in “Shared Use” districts offer no parking and attract their clientele largely  
20 from local businesses and residents; and

21 WHEREAS cafés which have operated in the “Shared Use” districts historically were not required  
22 to provide parking, and therefore do not provide on-site parking, but are “grandfathered” under our  
23 current ordinance; and

24 WHEREAS it is difficult or impossible to open a café in a “Shared Use” district, in an existing  
25 building that does not provide on-site parking; and

26 WHEREAS, residents and employees in the City of Burlington enjoy having cafes close to where  
27 they live and work; and

28 WHEREAS, existing parking requirements make it difficult to open a café at many locations  
29 where a café would be an enhancement to the local area; and

30 WHEREAS, having café options near where people live and work provide an option for pedestrian  
31 friendly dining; and

32 WHEREAS, the “Downtown Parking” district does not require any parking for cafes in the  
33 downtown; and

34 WHEREAS, the parking requirement for café parking has become an impediment to a popular  
35 business actually trying to serve local workers and residents; and

36 WHEREAS, the Chair of the Planning Commission has been consulted and is comfortable with  
37 responding to this request by December 2, 2013;

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council respectfully requests that the  
39 Planning Commission review an Ordinance Change that would remove the parking requirement for Cafés  
40 in the “Shared Use” parking district, and send the recommendation back to the City Council by  
41 December 2, 2013; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such review is requested pursuant to the process set forth in

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24 V.S.A. §4441(g).

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lb/kjs/c: Resolutions 2013/Zoning – Removal of Parking Requirements for Cafes in the Shared Use Parking Districts, ZA 14-06

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10/16/13