

Durham Police Department
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Durham, New Hampshire 03824

MEMORANDUM

January 4, 2013

To: Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

From: Dave Kurz, Chief of Police 

Re: Rivers Edge Apartment's parking

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Unfortunately I was not able to attend the Technical Review Committee meeting of December 27th when the discussion of additional residents to this complex occurred. As I understood the discussion, Mr. White is requesting an increase of three persons per unit rather than the two currently allowed. At first blush, this allowance would dramatically impact the available parking at this project.

As Police Chief I have been consistent with the desire to have one parking space per every "bed" in any newly constructed facility except in the immediate downtown area where it is my belief that the need for parking is not necessary and there should be an overt desire to attract walking, bicycling and other transportation modes with downtown projects of this type. So it was with this consistent stance that I approached the request for additional beds as equating to the need for additional parking spaces at Rivers Edge.

I scheduled a meeting with Mr. White so that I could be forthright in my opinion and he would understand the basis. It was during this meeting that I received further clarification as to what his proposal entailed. I did not appreciate that Mr. White currently had eighteen (18) of his units already occupied by three people and that his desire to go to the planning board was to essentially correct his misunderstanding that this occupancy was appropriate. The fact that Rivers Edge has had the number of beds with corresponding parking and no problems noted by the Durham Police addresses my concern. However, I advised Mr. White that to ensure there would be no issues in the future that he should adjust at least 18 of his individual leases to reflect that there is not parking associated with the apartment rental. While it is clear that not every resident has a vehicle at the current time, to reaffirm and solidify this fact, identifying at least that number would satisfy the concerns of the Durham Police Department

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.