

MEMORANDUM

June 18, 2014

To: Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

From: Dave Kurz, Chief of Police

Re: 49/51 Main Street – Pauly’s Pockets

I have reviewed the proposed plan for the new construction of a three story building comprised of commercial and student apartments on the property currently housing Pauly’s Pockets and Hair Excitement and have the following comments:

- The applicant understands that there is no overnight parking for any potential apartment renters on any adjacent streets or property owned and/or controlled by the Town of Durham. This fact must be clear to all apartment renters preferably via a lease agreement. However, the commercial enterprises may purchase annual business permits from the police department at established fee structure. This allows employees to park at several satellite locations reserving the closest parking for customers.
- Any construction that will result in the closure and/or blockage of the traffic lane will require at least one traffic control officer retained through the Durham Police Department with minimum notice of one-week to the agency.
- The Durham Police will prohibit any closure of travel lanes during the period of the last week in August through Labor Day weekend which coincides with UNH “move-in”.
- The Durham Police would recommend that all apartment numbers be prominently displayed and developed so that police personnel can easily and quickly locate units, i.e. 2A for unit A on the 2nd floor and 3C for unit C on the 3rd floor. The configuration is irrelevant but must clearly delineate floors and apartment.
- Video monitoring have proven beneficial in interior common stairwells or hallways to prevent vandalism, thefts and for resident safety as well as enhancing the police department’s ability to resolve criminal acts.

- Hardware should feature window locks, dead bolts for doors, interior door hinges and well lit interior corridors. All common building entrances should have locks that automatically catch when the door closes.
- The Durham Police would recommend that any lease agreement prohibit the possession of beer kegs in any rental units.

The Durham Police support the construction of well managed student apartment dwellings. In addition, this is an appropriate location due to the proximity of other student dwellings, distance away from residential neighborhoods with fewer residents to disturb and in an area of the downtown where late night activity is prevalent. As I have maintained on a regular basis, the Durham Police continually strive to meet the demands of its citizens while remaining fiscally responsible. It is our belief that a sound and well structured and conceived planning process in these matters can not be understated. The end result of this process equates to diminished demands for governmental monitoring by police, fire and code enforcement.