

From: [Michael Behrendt](#)
Subject: Main Street #18 - email from Peter Stanhope
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To the Planning Board,
Please see the email from Peter Stanhope below.

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From: Peter Stanhope []
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 4:43 PM
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Subject: 18 Main Street Parking Proposal

To Whom it may concern,

Durham's CBD is faced with a critical imbalance between the availability of long term parking and the demands of Durham residents intending on doing business in downtown Durham and the need for parking by employees of downtown businesses. The situation is further exacerbated by the unusually high cost of metered parking for a municipality the size of Durham. Commercial real estate in Durham's CBD experiences a higher than typical vacancy rate for commercial space and commercial rents below levels that support the cost to create commercial space. This is in part due to the lack of parking.

I have noted the posting of the sign at 18 Main Street identifying the proposal to create additional long term parking space at that site. I walk past the property regularly traveling from my home to downtown Durham. After reviewing the proposal and observing the site I see nothing about what is proposed that would in any way diminish the appearance of the gateway to downtown Durham. It appears to be a reasonable land use in the CBD. I offer

my support for the approval of this needed increase in CBD parking and believe it will be a benefit to both residents and businesses using public parking in the CBD.

Respectfully,
Peter Stanhope
37 Dover Road
Durham