

From: [Michael Behrendt](#)
Subject: Parking ordinance - email from Bernadette Komonchak
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:34:53 PM

To the Planning Board,
Please see the email below.

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From: Bernadette Komonchak []
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:16 PM
To: Michael Behrendt
Subject: Parking

Dear Mr. Behrendt:

I want to express my opposition to any parking regulations that would increase vehicular traffic in our Faculty development area by allowing additional parking in residential areas.

When I came to New Hampshire in 1975, the university was considering the building of a parking garage to alleviate parking problems for faculty, students and other employees. We know how far that has gone in over 40 years. And now with town discussions about the plans for the plaza, the lack of parking is once again on the front burner. We residential neighborhoods seem to present an easy but misguided solution.

I live at the corner of Faculty Road and Thompson Lane where a crosswalk (currently in need of repainting) allows the many children of the neighborhood to cross safely to the path through the woods that leads to the plaza and then to the schools. Increased parking in the neighborhood would bring more cars and therefore more danger to the many children who live and play in what has always been a safe area where they could ride their bikes and play basketball on the street-side hoops that have proliferated in recent years. It is an aspect of life in the

Faculty neighborhood that is precious to the inhabitants. The increased traffic that these new parking regulations would surely bring scares me. We have spent a lot of energy trying to maintain this as a family friendly place.

Since there has been poor enforcement of the " three unrelated to a house" rental rule in Durham, I do not expect much enforcement of the proposed parking regulations. In the past when we have raised questions about whether a house had more than the allowed number of renters, the town has asked us to take pictures of the cars in the driveway as a way of determining how many people were living in the house as opposed to how many might be visitors. These new proposed regulations would seem to make any such distinctions all but impossible. I think I can reasonably anticipate that friends of renters will soon be parking here, too. I do not think we in the residential neighborhoods are responsible for the town and university's failure to address admittedly difficult long-standing parking problems. I believe the Planning Board and Town Council should look for other solutions.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Komonchak

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