

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES MEMORANDUM

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TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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FROM: M. BANFIELD, RPP, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NOTED: A. MILLER, RPP, GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH

MANAGEMENT

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: VISITOR PARKING – 390 ESSA ROAD (SOHO JAMES INCORPORATED)

DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise members of Council of the visitor parking provisions proposed for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications for 390 Essa Road. This Memo provides additional information and should be read in conjunction with Staff Report PLN023-19. At its meeting of Monday September 9 2019, General Committee directed staff to review the parking provisions proposed as part of the development, as contemplated by the application. City Staff have worked with the applicant to explain how visitor parking spaces will be allocated for this development.

The proposed development will consist of 74 rental apartment units, 67 market rental units and 7 affordable housing units. The proposed development will provide 72 parking spaces. The proposed parking translates into 1 space per market rental unit and 0.6 spaces per "supportive housing unit" as defined in the proposed zoning by-law.

Staff have considered this tiered parking rate based on the fact that this site is located on an intensification corridor, has available transit and a desired partnership with an affordable housing provider for the use of supportive housing units. The 1:1 parking ratio for the market rental units are consistent with the MU ('Mixed-use') parking standards and the identified parking standards to provide affordable housing units is consistent with best practices from other municipalities.

The applicant has indicated that parking spaces will be rented out separately from the apartment units. The applicant has committed to dedicating 5 visitor parking spaces to be shown on the site plan and will be signed accordingly. Please see the Visitor Parking memo from IPS dated September 11, 2019 and the associated updated site plan attached as Appendix "A".

As the City continues to encourage intensification, affordable housing opportunities and transit-oriented development Staff can explore additional parking solutions such as higher order transit, alternate parking rates that can be supported with site specific considerations and public parking facilities along intensification corridors to encourage and support the development of creative housing opportunities for all residents.

For more information, please contact Edward Terry, RPP, Planner at Ext. 5135.



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Appendix 'A'

IPS Memo & Updated Site Plan



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Attention: Edward Terry, RPP

Planner, Planning and Building Services

Re: Visitor Parking Memo

390 Essa Road

Following discussions with City of Barrie Staff, Innovative Planning Solutions is pleased to provide additional information regarding the visitor parking strategy for the development proposed at 390 Essa Road.

The development proposes a total of 74 purpose built rental units, including 7 affordable housing units. 72 parking spaces are provided across the site at a rate of 1 space per market unit (67 spaces) and 0.6 spaces per affordable housing unit (5 spaces). As discussed through the application process, the parking spaces are to be rented out separately from the residential units.

Municipal parking requirements are typically blanket rates and do not account for considerations that impact parking demand, such as unit tenure, location of the site, access to transit, vehicle ownership, and tenant income. It should be noted that the by-law does not indicate a specific provision / requirement for visitor parking; however, it is understood that visitor parking is a concern of Council to avoid potential issues for future tenants/visitors of the development.

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Given the 72 parking spaces are intended to be rented separately, it is not anticipated that all spaces will be rented to the tenants in the building. Typically, vehicle ownership rates are lower for tenants of studio and one bedroom units and apartment dwellings as a whole compared to condominium buildings. Giving this overall approach, the applicant is intended to dedicate up to five (5) visitor parking spaces to address this concern. Spaces #32-36 on the site plan have been considered most viable for visitor parking. Please note that visitor parking space locations could change through the site plan process.

In addition, a parking study has been completed by Tatham Engineering in support of the proposed development. This parking study supported the number of spaces versus units ratio. I would also like to remind Council that the proposed development is consistent with your zoning bylaw standards for parking at 1 space per unit.

Respectfully submitted,

Innovative Planning Solutions

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President & Director of Planning



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