# SITE PLAN REVIEW TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### WORK SESSION

## Conference Room A City Hall, Municipal Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue

2:00 PM

February 11, 2025

## **AGENDA**

2:00 PM 96 State Street 96 State Street LLC, Owner Durbin Law, Representative (LUTW-25-1) **Parking Demand Analysis** 



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# PARKING DEMAND ANALYSIS 96 State Street TAX MAP 107, LOT 52 PORTSMOUTH, NH

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96 State Street, LLC owns the property located at 96 State Street. A commercial building is sited on the 0.07-acre (per City GIS) downtown, urban parcel. The parcel is located on the corner of State and Atkinson Streets. The building has three levels. A restaurant, Domo, occupies the first and second floor. The third floor is currently used as accessory space/storage for the restaurant. A spa previously occupied the third floor.

The Owner is proposing to convert the second and third floors to residential uses. The second and third floor will each have a single apartment in excess of 750 SF.

Altus prepared this Parking Demand Analysis based on the following uses:

### CURRENT SPACE ALLOCATION

Third floor

Basement First floor Second floor	accessory storage restaurant restaurant	2,245 SF GFA 2,630 SF GFA 1,750 SF GFA	
Third floor	personal services	1,750 SF GFA	
PROPOSED SPACE ALLOCATION			
Basement	accessory storage	2,245 SF GFA	
First floor	restaurant	2,630 SF GFA	
Second floor	1 dwelling unit (> 750 SF GFA)	2,320 SF GFA	

Basement accessory storage has no requirements and does create any parking demand.

1 dwelling unit (> 750 SF GFA) 2,100 SF GFA

Parking spaces required for the City of Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance Section 10.1110 Off Street Parking

1 space per 100 SF GFA 1 space per 400 SF GFA 1.3 spaces per unit
43.8 spaces
<u>4.4</u> spaces
48.2 spaces
49 spaces required <sup>1</sup>
26.3 spaces
1.3 spaces
<u>1.3</u> spaces
28.9 spaces
29 spaces required <sup>1</sup>

Based on the City Ordinance alone, the parking spaces required for Tax Map 107, Lot 52 is reduced from 49 spaces to 29 spaces, a 41 percent reduction. There is one alley/loading space on the property.

There is parallel parking along State Street as well as a small public parking lot between Dutton and Scott Avenues. Additionally, the High Hanover Street parking garage is within 0.25 miles of the site. The Parrott Avenue surface parking lot is less than 0.5 miles from the site.

To determine the expected parking that will be generated by the existing/proposed uses, Altus normally utilizes the ITE Parking Generation Manual, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. It is our opinion that the setting/location falls under the General Urban/Suburban category. However, the manual has limitations when it comes to small traffic generators and unique end users like 2-unit apartment buildings. Additionally, ITE states that "it contains information that can also easily be misinterpreted without sound professional judgement..."

Land Use Code 931 Quality Restaurant Peak Period Parking Demand on a Saturday 7:00 to 8:00 PM Setting/Location: General Urban/Suburban Average rate 18.23 vehicles per 1,000 SF GFA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Section 10.1112.22: "Where the computation of required off-street parking spaces results in a fractional number, the computation shall be rounded up to the next whole number."

Land Use Code Residential 220 Multifamily housing (Low-Rise) Peak Period Parking Demand on a Saturday Average rate 1.18 spaces per dwelling unit

There is no Land Use Code in the Parking Generation Manual for spas or any similar type of use. It is a low turnover use. It is presumed that the maximum employees is 2 and maximum number of customers/clients would be 2.

Existing Parking Demand Restaurant	
4,380 SF GFA x 18.23 vehicles per 1,000 SF GFA =	79.8 spaces
Personal services	
Assume 2 employees and 2 clients/customers	<u>4.0</u> spaces
	83.8 spaces
	Existing 84 spaces demand
Proposed Parking Demand	
Restaurant	
2,630 SF GFA x 18.23 vehicles per 1,000 SF GFA =	47.9 spaces
2 dwelling units x 1.18 spaces per dwelling unit =	<u>2.4</u> space demand 50.3 spaces
	Proposed 51 space demand

Based on ITE, it is reasonable to believe that the parking demand will be reduced by 33 spaces.

With the approval of this project, the parking demand will decrease. Thus, it is Altus' opinion that the existing building can function adequately without adverse impacts to the community with the conversion of the second and third floor spaces to two residential dwelling units.



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