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TOWNSHIP MANAGER
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To: Verona Board of Adjustment

From: Verona Emergency Management

Re: 21-25 Grove Ave Plans

Date: June 29, 2021

Just a few lingering concerns and comments based on my personal opinions as a Police, Fire and EMS first responder for over 25 years and a 50 year township resident.

- 1) Ingress and egress- I certainly appreciate all the traffic and engineering studies completed but I traverse this intersection several times each and every day. The proximity to the Bloomfield/Grove intersection will further exacerbate the traffic situation at an already congested and heavily traveled intersection.
- 2) Tandem and Stacked parking-a new and unique concept for an eager developer but not a viable solution for planned development, there simply is not enough space on the property for parking. Any overflow, guests or additional parking is not possible in the crowded down town area. There is a significant wait list for parking permits in the nearby Municipal Lot.
- 3) Emergency Calls- a development of this nature will increase call volume for all first responder disciplines. At each and every service call, there are questions of access short or long duration calls. Suggesting that an Ambulance or Fire Apparatus interfere with or obstruct traffic flow will create a nightmare scenario for police even during short duration fire or medical calls.
- 4) Surface Water- I do not have experience or background in this matter, but I do not see a place capable of digesting storm water and run off. The improved surfaces from the walks, roof and parking area will create concerns for properties attached and adjacent to this development.

Respectfully,

Joel Martin
Emergency Management Coordinator