



# *Walpole Fire Department*

## *Emergency Services*

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To: Board of Appeals  
From: Paul C. Barry, Deputy Fire Chief *PCB*  
Date: February 22, 2023  
RE: Comprehensive Permit dated January 13, 2020-The Residences at Burns Avenue  
Project Change/Remand Order

The Fire Department has reviewed the revised February 2023 submittal for the above-mentioned location; we have the following comments to offer the Board:

1. The applicant states in the Notice of Project Change Narrative note 11 *Upon completion the roadway will be dedicated as a public way....*, if this is the case, we recommend the project be held to the Planning Board's subdivision rules.
2. Most recently, we have consistently not supported a waiver request for a dead end greater than 750'.
3. We do not support a waiver request for a public roadway subdivision with a paved roadway width of less than 26 feet.
4. 527 CMR 1 18.2.4.1.1 *The required width of a fire department access road shall not be obstructed in any manner, including by the parking of vehicles.*
5. If the road width waiver is granted, we request that street parking be prohibited, and that pavement markings and signs be installed and maintained. Additionally, we request a sign noting no on street parking permitted be required near the entrance of this new road extension.
6. 527 CMR 1 18.2.3.5.1 *Where required by the AHJ, approved signs, approved roadway surface markings, or other approved notices shall be provided and maintained to identify fire department access roads or to prohibit the obstruction thereof or both.*
7. Are the proposed driveways sufficient in length, or will vehicles parked on them have the potential to impede the sidewalk and even the road?
8. We question where the applicant proposes visitors park?
9. While not required, we recommend the applicant consider installing residential fire sprinkler systems.

10. A minimum of a binder roadway surface should be required on the roadway surfaces prior to issuing residential construction permits.
11. All water mains and fire hydrants should be in service prior to issuing residential construction permits.
12. Roadside landscaping needs to consider overgrowth into the street and prohibit plantings that will impede fire apparatus access.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.