



Walpole Fire Department

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To: Board of Appeals
From: Paul C. Barry, Deputy Fire Chief *PCB*
Date: March 9, 2022
RE: Location: 48 Burns Avenue - 40B

The Fire Department has reviewed the revised February 2022 submittal for the above-mentioned location; we have the following comments to offer the Board:

1. The proposed new road layout should require a re-evaluation of the street name.
2. 527 CMR 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.
3. 527 CMR 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.
4. We question if there will be sufficient parking for this 38 unit proposed project; on-street parking on the proposed 24' wide roadway will obstruct fire department access, not permitted per 527 CMR 1.
5. The fire department does not support a recommendation for speed humps.
6. Year-round maintained access shall be provided to each sprinkler room. Sprinkler rooms should have direct access from the exterior and not be contained in an individual unit.
7. A minimum of one key lock box shall be required for each structure. A master key system is requested.

8. A minimum of a binder roadway surface should be required on the roadway surfaces prior to issuing residential construction permits.
9. All water mains and fire hydrants should be in service prior to issuing residential construction permits.
10. We find the proposed hydrant locations acceptable but advise the applicant the hydrant is required to be within 100 feet of the FDC.
11. Roadside landscaping needs to consider overgrowth into the street and prohibit plantings that will impede fire apparatus access.

Please contact me if there are any questions or concerns.