Applicant's Supplemental Statement

The neighborhood is primarily commercial. Most of the businesses on the block close at 6 pm. These include a deli and two auto repair shops. There is also a hot dog stand business that has its storage garage on the side on the building. All vehicles are parked inside a gate.

The building is mixed use, having 2 retail stores and 12 apartments. There are 4 one bedroom apartments on the rear of the first level with two commercial storefronts in the front (at street side). The second floor has 8 apartments: 6 one bedroom and 2 two bedroom units.

There is street side parking along both sides of North Street on this block. There are also two private parking gated parking areas at either end of the building. Additionally, there is a lot owned by the building owner that was newly constructed to provide 6 off street parking spaces for the building. This construction was done to accommodate the parking requirements for a new retail tavern in one of the commercial units that previously operated as a clothing store.

The building owner reports that few of the tenants own vehicles. The apartments are low income housing. Since the off street lot has been provided and made available to them for use, it has not been used by any tenant during the several months.

In the 12 years the building owner has owned this building, there was only a parking concern during a period when there were two unlicensed auto repair shops operating across the street who parked vehicles for repair in the street for days and weeks at a time. These unlicensed shops have been closed down and responsible licensed repair shop owners are operating both shops across the street. The vehicles are parked inside their gate when waiting to be repaired and rarely along the street side. Parking has not been an issue along this block.