

City of Sarasota Planning Department City Hall 1565 1st Street Sarasota FL 34326

Friday May 12th, 2023

RE: ZTA's

Dear Planning Department,

Thank you for taking the time to update members of our board about the proposed zoning changes as part of the Attainable Housing Bonus Density incentive initiative scheduled before the Planning Board on May 16.

A development may receive up to seven stories when a minimum of 25 public parking spaces are provided within the first four stories of the project. The gross floor area of the sixth and/or seventh story may be up to three times (3x) the gross floor area allocated to the city for public parking. This public parking shall be in addition to the minimum required parking for the project.

The Rosemary District has always prided itself on broad and wide input from its stakeholders. An example of this is the Rosemary Park where we've secured thousands of touchpoints of input in its selection, design, and features, producing something the whole community champions.

Given that this proposed language has only been presented to the RDA board and one private developer, the board feels that it's imperative that we seek broader input prior to making further modifications to the RROD.

With the proposed parking changes being presented at the upcoming June 15th Rosemary Community Meeting, it will help establish the opportunity to have a broader neighborhood discussion around our long-term parking needs and how to achieve them.

Therefore, at this time, the RDA is not endorsing the proposed RROD changes and we look forward to aligning the community, its resident and commercial stakeholders around meaningful parking changes the neighborhood clearly needs.

Thank you,

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On behalf of the RDA Board of Directors