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To: [Thompson, Alexis](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 144 Benefit Street
Date: Sunday, September 27, 2026 5:43:50 PM

Dear Members of the Zoning Board of Review,

I am writing in regard to the application for a dimensional variance for 144 Benefit St. Plat 10, lot 81. I strongly OPPOSE the granting of this variance.

The reason for my opposition is simple: we already have a major parking problem in this area. What with it being a historical area, there are very few garages and limited driveways. For this reason, street parking is extremely limited on Benefit Street, the adjoining side streets, and the parallel streets to the east. The students parking here for classes at the nearby campuses intensifies the problem.

I live one street to the east, on Pratt Street. Parking is difficult enough here that we regularly have people (including the daily mail delivery truck) park illegally ON the sidewalk in front of our house. There just aren't other places on the street for parking.

As I understand it, for the 13 units that are proposed, the law requires only 13 spaces, which is sufficient only if (on average) every tenant is a one-car family. Chances are that even this would add to the parking problems. But allowing them to have only 6 spaces would be well beyond unfortunate.

Living nearby, I'm quite familiar with this property and the limited space on that lot. But I see no indication that PVD, LLC has attempted to secure offsite (off-street) parking spaces for the residents, something that they could certainly accomplish. Instead, they are taking the easy route of simply requesting to have the law not apply to them.

Please deny this requested variance.

Sincerely,

Helen G. Grundman

