
Zoning Petition #26-001330-ZBA 44 Echols St.

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To Subhashi Karunarathne <ksubhashi@thempc.org>

Dear Ms. Karunarathne,

I am writing you to oppose the parking variance for 44 Echols St. The petitioner's business has had a history of violence associated with it's patrons. Just a few weeks ago there was a shoot out in the parking lot of Eckard's Flooring. There was another shooting just a few weeks prior to the latest incident. For some time the bar patrons have been parking in the lots of other property owners do to the inadequacy of the petitioner's parking. We are the owner's of the property where Northern tool and Equipment is located and I can tell you that violent crime that occurs in the vicinity of that property does not go unnoticed by the tenant. We are in negotiation for their lease renewal and the corporate members have expressed their concern.

Granting Steed DSP a variance is not going to solve their parking situation. It will allow them to continue to operate and their patrons will have no choice but to try to park on the private property of others. Please DENY this petition!

Sincerely,

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