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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marie Krepelka
Board Administrator

FROM: Officer Corey P. Rateau
Traffic and Parking Unit

DATE: October 1, 2020

RE: Overnight Parking Request - 43 Thorndike Street

At your request, The Traffic and Parking Unit reviewed the petition by Mr. Matthew O'Connor to receive an overnight parking exemption for one vehicle in front of his residence at 43 Thorndike Street. **After reviewing the petition, the Arlington Police Department does not support granting such a waiver.**

Mr. O'Connor knowingly purchased a residence just a few months ago without adequate off-street parking to accommodate multiple vehicles in a location that has had a longstanding overnight parking ban. The longstanding precedent has already been set that this does not create an exigent circumstance to be granted an exemption to the overnight parking ban and other petitions have been denied for this same reason.

In regards to his other statements, planning can be undertaken in advance to have the appropriate vehicle at the residence for scheduled appointments as needed. Medical emergencies could and should hopefully be directed to and handled by EMS personnel after calling 911. And any unoccupied vehicle, whether parked in a lot, on the street, or even in one's driveway poses the same security concerns for all vehicle owners and the ultimate responsibility for anything that happens will always default back to the owner of said vehicle.

It is recommended that Mr. O'Connor either purchase a permit at a nearby municipal lot or find a commercial space available for rent as other residents have been required to do in the past.

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Cc: Juliann Flaherty, Chief of Police
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