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Mayor Kevin Foy
Town Hall
306 N. Columbia St.
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Mayor Foy,

From the best of my understanding, a vast majority of the Glen Lennox residents who have complained about the parking situation here have done so due to the number of UNC students who park on the streets of the complex during weekdays in order to catch the bus to campus. As I resident of over three years, I am well aware that the car population in Glen Lennox expands during class hours only to shrink again in the evenings. Available parking within the neighborhood is not an issue at night or on the weekends. The regular business/class hours of 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM are the hours where the community needs help with enforcement.

As it is currently worded, the City's parking policy being enforced in Glen Lennox extends well beyond the community's needs and actually imposes on the enjoyment of resident life. The plan contains numerous problems that stem from the creation of a 24 hour, seven day-a-week enforcement schedule.

Glen Lennox is a residential apartment community. As such, it needs a flexible plan of parking enforcement to prevent abuse from outside of the community while retaining residents the rights and privileges that they come to expect as tenants. Under the current system all Glen Lennox residents possess two visitor parking permits, each good for one day per vehicle per week. The enforcement policy creates a situation where a resident who has more than two driving friends over to their apartments runs a risk of causing all parties over two to incur a parking ticket for the visit. This dilemma is present no matter what time of the day that the visit occurs or even if it happens on a weekend. A similar problem is created if a resident has an out-of-town visitor who stays for more than two days. While these are valid and real concerns in an apartment community that is predominantly college-aged, it also extends to residents of all ages who wish to allow friends and family into their homes. Presently, the City of Chapel Hill is actively engaged in practices that prevent Glen Lennox residents from associating with others within the comfort of their own home.

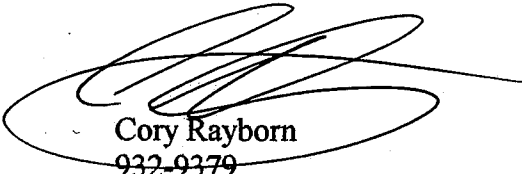
Glen Lennox is unlike virtually every other apartment complex within Chapel Hill or Carrboro in that there is not a portion of the overall parking area partitioned for the exclusive use of visitors. All cars coming to Glen Lennox use the public streets as a matter of necessity. From my conversations with the apartment's administrative staff, they were in search of a way to manage the daytime parking problems within the community and nothing more than that. The imposition of a 365 day-per-year parking enforcement scheme extends far beyond what the residents are in need of from the city at this time. This does not mean that a municipal enforcement plan is not welcomed, for that is not the case. The current plan is a step in the right direction of what is needed to control the daytime problems in Glen Lennox, but it represents only a step and is not the

optimal solution. The City should consider changing its policy to one where parking enforcement is conducted between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The hours after 5:00 PM and weekends should be completely free of parking enforcement.

While I renewed my lease with Grubb Properties/Glen Lennox for a year in July and have enjoyed my three plus years as a resident, knowledge of this sort of parking plan controlling the streets would have been sufficient to force me to seek residence elsewhere. I know other residents who feel similarly on this issue and believe that this plan will result in fewer Chapel Hill residents renting from Glen Lennox.

Reconsideration of this current plan would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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