

CITY OF NEWTON  
LAW DEPARTMENT  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 10, 2020  
TO Land Use Committee of the City Council  
FROM: Jonah Temple, Assistant City Solicitor  
Neil Cronin, Chief Planner for Current Planning  
RE: Special Permit #27-20  
Riverside Development (355 and 399 Grove Street)

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Attached for your review is a complete draft Order for the Special Permit/Site Plan Approval being requested for the Riverside Development. This draft includes for the first time a complete set of proposed findings and conditions, including conditions addressing transportation management, post-construction studies, and signage. This draft also shows a number of revisions to the conditions included in the initial draft previously distributed for review on June 5, 2020. Finally, the draft contains comments in the margin that highlight areas where the Petitioner has requested alternative language that they would like the Committee to consider.

A copy of the order is being provided in both “redline” and “clean” formats so that you can easily review changes from the previous draft.

As we noted previously, as the Committee begins the process of reviewing and refining the Order, rather than have Councilors submit individual redline edits to staff, we suggest it will be most helpful to have all changes discussed in Committee and decided by consensus. A Word version of this draft is being provided for any Councilors who would like to present proposed revisions for discussion during the Committee’s deliberation.

We look forward to discussing the Order at the Land Use Committee’s upcoming meetings.

Thank you.