



Sparta Township Police Department

Memo

To: Sparta Planning Board
From: Cpl. Kurt Morris #136 *KM #136*
Date: 6/16/23
Re: North Village Block 16008, Lot 7



I reviewed the proposed plans for the new commercial building (Chipotle) located at North Village of Sparta. The building has a drive thru/pick-up window that operates for online ordering only. The length of the driveway proposed appears to be sufficient to hold enough vehicles to avoid a backup onto Market Street.

My one concern is the additional entrance coming from the adjacent parking lot from the Chelsea building. Allowing vehicles to access and use the parking lot of the Chelsea building to enter the Chipotle parking lot increases the chance of a motor vehicle accident either with another vehicle or pedestrian. The Chelsea is an assisted living building that has elderly tenants that may frequent the grounds of the property. The tenants and employees have access to the parking lot and the increase of traffic due to this additional entrance is concerning.

The additional entrance from the Chelsea parking lot labeled "Bypass Lane" has vehicles entering the parking lot parallel to the drive-thru lane. This causes the potential of vehicle to use this entrance to avoid and skip the drive-thru/pickup line. Vehicles now will have to attempt to merge into the line increasing the chance of a motor vehicle accident.

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