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RE: La Rive Active Adult Community
Mandeville, LA
Parking Reduction Justification

Dear Mr. Cheezem,

Our firm has designed and administered construction on 40 plus age-restricted, Active Adult communities in our 24 years as a firm. We have designed and built hundreds of traditional Independent Living and Assisted Living and Memory Care communities. I also serve on the National American Institute of Architects Design for Aging Knowledge Community Board. We are experts in this field.

Currently we have nine clients that build Active Adult Communities across the country. Most of our projects are in suburban markets that require the use of a car for transportation. On average, we have found the parking ratio of 1.2 to 1.3 per unit is sufficient for this type of project.

Many communities have in place a senior retirement center type parking requirement ranging from 1 space per unit to 1.5 per unit. In communities that do not have this category, we request and are granted 100% of the time a parking reduction as part of our zoning and entitlement work.

### Reasons for Reduced Parking Levels:

- 1. Nearly 50% of our residents will be single and have one car. Even in married couples a large percentage will have one car.
- 2. The vast majority of Active Adult residents have adult children nearby. These children provide some of the residents transportation needs.
- 3. The advent of Uber and Lyft have had an effect on parking in Active Adult communities, providing residents more options than driving themselves.
- 4. The community will provide transportation either by owning a community bus or renting one for events and some scheduled transportation. This varies by community.
- 5. Guests are allowed to stay a maximum time of one week per operational policy. This is part of the lease documents signed by the residents.
- 6. Staffing levels are lower in Active Adult than traditional Independent Living. Typically at peak hours a staff of 4-8 versus 20-30.
- 7. Visitors are lower in Active Adult communities since residents are still very involved in their communities and families. They come and go like others in the neighborhood.



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We have provided on the following pages a list of some of our Active Adult Communities, their # of units and respective parking counts.

Please let me know if you need any additional information on this issue.

Sincerely,

J. Marc Tolson, AIA, NCARB Founder/Managing Partner



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### COMPARABLE PROJECT PARKING TOTALS:

Active Adult – 55+ Facilities Designed and Built by Arrive

#### The Luxe at Cedar Hill

Cedar Hill, TX
140 Active Adult Units
203 Spaces = 1.45 per Unit
92 One Bedroom Units
34 Two Bedroom Units
14 Two Bedroom Cottages

#### Anabelle on Main

Duluth, GA 180 Active Adult Units 198 Spaces =1.1 per Unit 91 One Bedroom Units 89 Two Bedroom Units

## Harper's Station at Dothan

Dothan, AL 104 Active Adult Units 172 Spaces – 1.65 per Unit 56 Two Bedroom Cottages 48 Three Bedroom Cottages [Under Construction]

### Watermere at Woodland Lakes

Conroe, TX
230 Active Adult Units
284 Spaces = 1.23 per Unit
116 One Bedroom Units
93 Two Bedroom Units
3 Three Bedroom Units
8 Cottages

## Chateau Elan

Hoschton, GA 152 Active Adult Units 199 Spaces – 1.3 per Unit 89 One Bedroom Units 63 Two Bedroom Units [Under Construction]



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# **Discovery Village at Sandhill**

Columbia, SC 186 Active Adult Units 198 Spaces = 1.06 per Unit 107 One Bedroom Units 79 Two Bedroom Units

## The Lakes at Grand Prairie

Grand Prairie, TX 137 Active Adult Units 208 Spaces – 1.52 per Unit 89 One Bedroom Units 48 Two Bedroom Units