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As chair of Lansing Avenue for over 10 years there has been many changes in our neighborhood, some bad and some good. Because of this we have always tried to make this neighborhood as livable and free of the many things that could happen here. The developer who wishes to build 96 apartments on Silverton Rd NE and Lansing Avenue, has not showing us the curtsied of first considering the environment of the people, neighborhood, and quality of life Lansing.

Our first compliant is that they have not come to us and ask what we would want in this regard. Our second compliant is the number of apartments to parking spaces and the fact that no one drives only a half a car. It is our experience that there are 2 to 3 cars per house hold, that means for 96 apartments, you will need 192 to 278 parking spaces, if they have to park on the street there is no parking on Silverton Rd and Lansing Avenue. Which means they will have to park on Hammel St and Sodono St (across from this complex). There is already a lot of cars parked on these streets by residents who live on these streets. This could lead to a parking restriction by the neighbors where only residents will be allowed to park on the streets. This will not be a positive change. Our third concern is the safety and health of persons who live in the 96 apartments. With only one drive way there is no concern for emergency fire department and police to get in as quickly as possible which could mean the very life of a person or child. This doesn't even consider the bumper to bumper cars and buses during school; before and after school (for a least 1 hour or more) which will increase the safety of people and children crossing Lansing Avenue and trying to turn on to Silverton Rd. We have no wish for anyone getting injured or cars hit. The environment of the neighborhood needs to be protected from over crowding in this neighborhood and in booth schools, Washington and Waldo. You do realize there are about a dozen school buses that come twice a day and drop off and pick up children. How can 96 apartments add to the quality of life when a average family includes 4 to 5 children; that means there could be 288 more children in our neighborhood. How will the developer keep them safe from cars and buses. There has been more the one accident on Silverton Rd and Lansing do to driver either not paying attention or speeding on Lansing. My thoughts that if the Developer builds the 96 apartments they could be held responsible for the residents that live there and their families. Healthy environment and the safety of this neighborhood should come first, not adding to overcrowding of the streets, schools and least of all a the building that will stick up like a sore thump.

Our recommendation is one cut the apartments in half from 96 to 48, this will allow enough parking for the renters, and to increase the drive way by two, with one going in and one going out. Also contact the Fire Department and Police to make sure that if there are any calls they will be able to get in and possibilly save lives, which could be a child. We also would like you to keep in mind that all the residents that have house next to these apartments don't what renters to look down in their backyards and invade their lives. Having only 2 floors will blend in better in our neighborhood and give us the better quality of life in our neighborhood. After all you do wish to be proud that you have built something that one could be look upon as something positive to a neighborhood. When you are finished and moved on will you wish to be remember in a positive way and not hurt a good neighborhood who only wishes to be a healthy environment to grow up in. Safety and health is what we want and overcrowding of cars, buses, people we don't need.

Please consider or wishes and let us grow in a good way that will last a long time.

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