

November 2, 2023

To the Ocala City Commissioners:

James Hilty, Sr.

Ire Bethea, Sr.

Jay Musleh

Kristen Dreyer

Barry Mansfield

This is an objection to the Impact Development PD which will allow for the 260-unit apartment complex that is proposed for the corner of SE 24th Road and SE 31st Street in Ocala.

The impact this apartment complex will have to the area surrounding is not a positive one for Ocala. Our schools are already over crowded and it is unfathomable that you, as a representative of Ocala, would be in favor of adding to this situation. It may not be your area to govern the school districts and population but to add to the overcrowding of the schools should be one that weighs heavily on your decision.

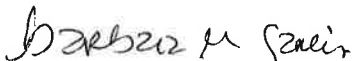
Traffic accidents have been increasing at an alarming rate around Ocala. The addition of another apartment complex will only add more traffic to the roads and therefore, more accidents. This should also be a factor that weighs heavily in your decision. Many of the roads that will be utilized for the apartment traffic are two lane roads—SE 24th Street which has school traffic backed up twice a day and SE 19 Avenue are two of these roads which will be affected. Another item to note is the condition of the road from SE Maricamp Rd to SR 200 which is known as SE 31st St, SE 32nd St, and SW 42nd St constantly has small pot holes in need of repair. These potholes will only increase with added traffic and will impede traffic as the repairs are made.

There is already a 168-unit townhome development being built between Southeast 31st Street and Southeast 38th Street which will again add traffic congestion to the area. Ocala also has several other large apartment complexes being built which is putting Ocala on an urban plan to chaos.

According to the Growth Management Department, this apartment complex is consistent with following the objectives and policies of the City of Ocala Future Land Use Element which discourages urban sprawl and promotes a clustered urban development pattern. These are not the wishes of me and several other people who live in Ocala. I have submitted several petitions with the names of over 100 people who live here. We like Ocala without the urbanization. We like the small-town feel. We like to raise our families here. We do not want to live in urbanized cities such as Orlando and Atlanta.

A question for you is where do you want to live? Where do you live? Will you be impacted by the added traffic and crowded schools that allowing this and other apartment complexes to be built in the heart of Ocala will bring?

I submit my objection and request your common sense to determine the outcome of this project.


Barbara Garlisi

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Rosemary Neas

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Leona J. Owen	1968 SE 37 th Ct CR, Ocala, FL 34471	Leona J. Owen
Lisa Allen	8565 SW 20 St / Ocala 34476	Lisa Allen
Sandi Andrews	2033 SE 15 th LN Ocala, 34471	Sandi Andrews
Patricia Connors	5033 NW 76 th Ct. Ocala 34482	Patricia Connors
Tamara Perry	2 Cherry Ln Ocala FL 34472	Tamara Perry
Elizabeth Collins	2321 SW 11 th St Ocala FL	Elizabeth Collins
Christine Lopez	6140 NW 145 th Ave Rd Marietta, FL 32668	Christine Lopez
James K. Conley	4603 NE 22 nd Ave. Ocala 34479	James K. Conley
Lynn Richman	942 SE 12 th Place Ocala 34471	Lynn Richman
Sarah Richman	931 SE 12 th St Ocala 34471	Sarah Richman
Jacqueline C. McCleaf	125 SE 14 th Ave. Ocala 34477	Jacqueline C. McCleaf
Marie Shaddix	2410 SE 29 th St Ocala 34471	Marie Shaddix
Tom Skidmore	5300 C.R. 122 W. Wood, FL	Tom Skidmore

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Cynthia Mikell	PO Box 771284	Cynthia Mikell
Mary Collins	587 NE 45 th Ter	Mary Collins
Carolyn Vainer	1420 SE 73 rd Dr.	Carolyn Vainer
Kathy Dawson	2353 SE Laurel Run Drive	Kathy Dawson
Kim Greene	8395 NW 115 Ave. Ocala	Kim Greene
Pam McKillip	518 SE 31 st Terr Ocala 34471	Pam McKillip
JANE HALL	9257 SW 102 nd AVE Rd Ocala 34481	Jane Hall
CINDY FLEETWOOD	2020 SW 66 th ST. Ocala 34476	Cindy Fleetwood
Pat Carigan	1007 SE 13 Ave Ocala 34471	Pat Carigan
Lynn Thomas	8675 SW 83 rd Loop Ocala 34481	Lynn Thomas
Janet Benesik	1801 SW 55 th Line Ocala 34471	Janet Benesik

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