Jan. 7, 1997 Planning Dept. summary

# **PARKING DEMAND CALCULATIONS**

<u>Date</u>	Source	Total Parking Demand & Deficit (# Spaces)
1977	Town Planner (James Cope)	1,655 spaces (-188 spaces)
1984	Town Planner (Paul Mazzarella)	1,756 spaces (-289 spaces)
1996/97	Planning Department	2,261 spaces* (-742 spaces)

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary figures, subject to change.

# SIGNIFICANT DOWNTOWN CHANGES SINCE 1984

- Downtown restaurant seats † 45.4 percent (+770 seats).
- Downtown office space (square footage) † 35 percent (+40,734 sq. ft.).
- Downtown retail space (square footage) ≈ same; ↑ by only 0.4 percent (+834 sq. ft.). [NOTE: The mix of retail uses and types of retail space have changed considerably.]
- Downtown residential units ↓ by 23 percent (- 41 units).
- Downtown parking supply has not kept pace with demand--↑ only 0.35% (+52 spaces) in 12 years.

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# **Amherst Planning Department**

## Parking Utilization & Turnover Study September 26, 1997 ~ Summary ~

#### Methodology

Space utilization counts and license plate notations were taken from 9:00 a.m through 6:30 p.m. for all marked parking spaces in seven (7) different sections of on-street and interior parking areas associated with the Boltwood Walk block. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., counts and license plate notations were taken at half hour intervals. A total of nineteen (19) such counts were taken throughout the day.

#### Results

### Parking Space Utilization (Occupancy)

- Parking space utilization averaged 84.8% over the entire day measured.
- Parking space utilization averaged 93% from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. (lunch hour).
- Parking space utilization averaged 98.75% from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (the beginning of the dinner hour).

#### Turnover Rates

<u>Time Period</u>	Turnover <u>Rate</u>
9:00 a.m11:00 a.m.	1.7/hr.
11:30 a.m1:30 p.m.	2.25/hr.
2:00 p.m4:00 p.m.	2.0/hr.
4:30 p.m5:00 p.m.	0.85/hr.
5:00 p.m6:30 p.m.	1.45/hr.
Average	1.65/hr.

#### Duration of Stay

- 92% of all parked cars stayed 2 hours or less
  - 95% of all parked cars stayed 3 hours or less
- 97.3% of all parked cars stayed 5 hours or less.