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This is a follow up email of our conversation this morning regarding the proposed changes to the Assisted living facility on 1527 John R Road it was formally known as Atina but I think the title has changed to Varishy (or something like that) since the change of ownership. This currently is an assisted living facility that can house up to 6 residents it has 2 full baths and one ½ bath. They currently employ 1 care giver to care for the residents, some in advanced stages of dementia, several totally wheelchair bound and all others need assistance with mobility of any kind. The 1 care giver has to assist all residents with routine daily needs, dressing, personal hygiene, showers, hair, teeth etc/bathroom assistance and eating, they must make the meals, set the tables and do all clean up after each meal while continuing to assist the residents with daily life, a huge task for 1 person. They consistently have turnaround on caregivers because the work is so difficult and the pay so minimal. They also have to do the laundry and clean the facility, no professional cleaners and no additional help at meal time a lot of work for 1 care giver. The reason I bring this up they now want this house to accommodate 12 so they can have 2 care givers at all times. What's the difference 1 caregiver to 6 residents or 2 to 12? Proposed plan I do believe is to convert the garage into bedrooms not sure how that will work. I'm sure I'm going down the wrong road with this but I get so frustrated with the care of our elderly the bottom line for most facilities is \$\$\$ and the bottom line for the families that have loved ones in assisted living is compassion and a decent living condition in the last chapter of their lives. While Increasing this facility to 12 residents I would hope consideration is given to the quality of care for the residents and the living conditions that they are exposed to.

Concerns:

- What is the plan to put 6 more residents into the existing structure/ interested in seeing the plan/ my fear is the small bedrooms that currently house 1 resident they will try and put 2 residents that would be horrible for the residents
- Where are the family members that visit going to park their cars – currently this is a problem when we show up at the same time for 6 residents and a worker
- Bathroom facilities for showers and personal needs 2 full baths would not be enough
- Kitchen facilities to cook for 12 residents 3 meals a day
- seating for meals for 12 residents- currently only room for 6