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TO: City of Somerville
Somerville Planning Department
24 Hanson Street
Somerville, MA 02143
Attention: Sarah Lewis
Director of Planning

DATE: September 11, 2019

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RE: 24 Hanson Street- Accessibility Narrative

The existing building at 24 Hanson street contains 2 dwelling unit, no work will be proposed on the existing two units. A new detached building is proposed on the property, which will contain a new standalone 3 dwelling unit.

Per the requirements **of 521 CMR 9.3 Group 1 Dwelling Units**: *In multiple dwellings, for which building permits for new construction are issued on or after September 1, 1996, that are for rent, hire, lease or sale and that are equipped with an elevator, all dwelling units must be constructed as Group 1 Dwelling Units, except those covered in 521 CMR 9.4, Group 2 Dwelling Units. In multiple dwellings that are for rent, hire, lease, or sale but are not equipped with an elevator, only units on the ground floor must be constructed as Group 1 Dwelling Units.*

Per **521 CMR 9.6: TOWNHOUSES - GROUP 1 UNITS ONLY**: *RESERVED until further notice. In the interim, they are exempt.*

Therefore, the new unit (Unit #3) which is a townhouse is exempt from the requirements of Group 1 dwelling units.

Sincerely,

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