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MEMO TO:                   Clemson Planning Commission Members

FROM:                     Sharon Richardson, Planning & Codes Director

SUBJECT:                 Proposed Zoning Text Amendment --- 2012-R-09, Student Fellowship  
Centers in RLC District

DATE:                     June 5, 2012

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At the May 9, 2012 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission received a request from the Baptist Student Center regarding the number of parking spaces required for their specific use in the City's zoning ordinance. Under the current code, such uses are categorized as membership organizations which require one (1) parking space for every four (4) seats in the main assembly hall/room. Doug Hunt, Director of Clemson Baptist Collegiate Ministry, informed the Commission that the Ministry is planning to build a new facility on Old Greenville Hwy. After reviewing their preliminary plans with Bob Vecchio, they had become concerned that the required number of parking spaces far exceeded their needs. Mr. Hunt asked that the Commission consider amending this requirement. The Commission voted to authorize staff to prepare a proposed amendment for consideration at the June meeting.

A proposed text amendment has been submitted for Commission review. This proposal has two sections. The first change is to the parking standards. It changes the required number of parking spaces for student fellowship centers to one (1) space per seventy-five (75) square feet in the main assembly hall/room. The second change is to the RLC district. This change breaks student fellowships centers into a separate subsection under membership organizations. It also creates several conditions under which this use can obtain a reduction in parking. A provision for compact vehicle parking spaces (8'x18") has also been added.

The amendment is submitted for Commission review/recommendation. Please let me know if you have questions prior to the meeting.