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Summary: The “fast food” quotas have made it extremely difficult to open fast casual and incidental food uses, depriving the community of exciting options and contributing to the high rate of vacancies in the Westwood Village. Fast casual uses are a welcome addition to our community, providing affordable options for students, and the speedy service necessary to accommodate busy professionals on lunch breaks. With 112 of the current 197 businesses in the WVSP plan area classified as retail uses, there is no danger of the area being overrun with food uses. The WVSP’s extensive parking requirements have been a major impediment to opening new businesses and are unworkable, since the area is almost entirely developed, making it difficult to build new parking spaces. These requirements are also unnecessary, since many of the customers for Westwood Village businesses are students who live on or near campus who have no need to drive cars into the Village, or workers already parked on campus or corporate offices buildings walking into the village on lunch breaks or after work. Furthermore, the adoption of rideshare services and the impending opening of the Purple Line extension are expected to bring progressively more of the Village’s customers by means that do not require parking; and Civic Enterprise Associates completed an assessment of all publicly available parking in Westwood Village and found that at even the busiest times of the busiest days there are still over 1000 vacant parking spaces available. Therefore, we request the WVSP be amended such that incidental food uses like Starbucks or Stan’s Donuts are no longer classified as food uses, and also remove any distinction between fast food and restaurants in the plan, merging the quotas for each into a general quota for all food uses. We further request the elimination of parking requirements for changes of use, and replacement parking, and reduction or elimination of parking requirements for new developments.