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Note that according to HUD "Low Income" is 80% of median family income or 40% of people are considered low income. The income limit for Merrimack County is \$64,500 for 1 person or \$73,700 for 2 people so not people I consider low income

<https://www.nhhfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/HUD-Income-Limits-2024.pdf>

Railyard set rent requirements at HUD 60% - note MINIMUM income requirements of \$43,956 and \$52,668 which would exclude most retail and hospitality workers

<https://therailyardnh.com/assets/files/RAILYARD-Application-Packer-Updated-12-2024.pdf>

The attorney trying to get the zoning changed on Whitney Road kept harping on the need for housing for the 600 workers at Merchants Way, but given that most of the Market Basket jobs were part time almost none of them would qualify for the so-called "Affordable" housing he proposed. The city needs to insist that affordable housing needs to be set at the HUD 30% level, not 60% or 90%. If I read the CATCH proposal correctly, it will cost \$7.7 million for 10 more units or \$770,000 each - certainly the residents can't afford that and we shouldn't ask taxpayers to.