

Chipotle Mexican Grill coming

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CLEMSON — Chipotle Mexican Grill, a national chain that originally opened in Denver, Colo., in 1993, is coming to Clemson early next year.

Russ Hebert III, who is assisting in the development of 393 College, a five-story retail/condominium development located on College Avenue, said the

restaurant has signed a letter of intent to locate on the second floor. Chipotle offers burritos, tacos and salads, and Hebert said they appear to be a perfect fit for Clemson.

"What they really like is the college atmosphere of being within walking distance of everything," Hebert said. "They are also a very environmentally conscious, sustaining community, and the building is

made of autoclave concrete that is very environmentally friendly."

Last month, Blueberry Frog, an 1,150-square foot frozen yogurt shop, became the first occupant of 393 College. Hebert said at the time that negotiations were continuing to fill two other spaces — "a national brand" restaurant and a local or national retail clothing store.

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will occupy the 3,000-square foot second floor space that also features a brick terrace with seating for 40. In fact, Hebert said it is the location and the terrace "that sold them on this thing."

"If all goes well, we will see them do interior upfits the first of November, and they hope to open by the spring semester," Hebert said. "We're excited because we think it will be

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to Clemson

a name brand people will recognize and one that has been in demand by Clemson students for a long time.

"It's a national company that's very clean, and I feel will be a real good fit for Clemson."

Hebert said the retail tenant could be a ladies' boutique, though nothing has been confirmed at this time.

"I'm hoping next week I

will know something," he said.

The third and fourth floor will consist of two condos each — one that is more than 1,200 square feet and the other more than 1,700 square feet — while the fifth floor will consist of a 2,900-square foot penthouse. Hebert said the penthouse has already been sold.

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