

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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May 10, 2011

Mr. Arnold Sagner Port Capital Center of Maryland, LLC P.O. Box 416 Ellicott City, MD 21041

RE: WP-11-160, The Oaks at Waters Edge, Parcel A (SDP-05-131, proposed 15,400

sq. ft. retail bldg.)

Dear Mr. Sagner:

The Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning considered your requests for a waiver from the Howard County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations.

As of the date of this letter, the Planning Director approved your request to waive:

1. Subdivision Section 16.156(o)(1)(i), and granted a one (1) year extension from the deadline date of 05/05/11 until 05/05/12 to apply for a building permit to initiate construction on the site in accordance with approved, SDP-05-131.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. A building permit to initiate construction on the site in accordance with approved, SDP-05-131, shall be applied for <u>by 05/05/12</u>, or the approval of SDP-05-131shall expire in accordance with Subdivision Section 16.156(0)(2).
- 2. Indicate this waiver petition file number, section of the regulations, request, action, conditions of approval, and approval date in a detailed note on sheet 1 of SDP-05-131 the next time an approved red-line revision change is made to the plan originals.

## Justification for the approval recommendation for this waiver petition:

- 1. Undo hardships and practical difficulties would result from strict compliance with the Regulations due to the current economic downturn, the poor commercial market, and the need to submit a new SDP instead of granting the requested deadline date extension, as the site design is to remain the same and SDP-05-131 meets current Regulations.
- 2. This waiver petition request, if approved, will not nullify the intent and purpose of the Regulations, as it does not waive the above cited Regulations, but merely allows

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additional time to comply with them when the economy and the commercial market improves.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Antol at (410) 313-2350 or email at mantol@howardcountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Kent Sheubrooks, Chief

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**DED** 

SDP-05-131

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