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May 19, 2011

Mr. Brian Schott Running Brook, LLC 9112 Guilford Road Columbia, MD 21046

Dear Mr. Schott:

RE: WP-11-170, Owings Property (F-06-112 and F-09-073)

The Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning considered your request 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 **Section 16.144(p)** – requiring the payment and posting of financial obligation within 120-days from the approval date of the subdivision plan; **Section 16.144(q)** – requiring the submission of the original final plat within 180-days from the approval date of subdivision plan and **Section 16.144(r) (1) (ii)** – requiring the submission of the final plan by a specific deadline date.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Final Plan, F-06-112 must be recorded before the recordation of Final Plan, F-09-073.
- The plat originals for F-06-112 and F-09-073 must be submitted to DPZ within one year from the approval date of the waiver petition on or before May 19, 2012. A minimum of 45 days prior to the submission of the plat original, contact the Real Estate Services Division of the Department of Public Works regarding the requirements for preparation and execution of the Developer's Agreement.

Our decision was made based on the following:

<u>Extraordinary Hardship or Practical Difficulty</u> - The extraordinary hardship or practical difficulty involved with this waiver request would require the developer to submit a new Preliminary Equivalent Sketch Plan and the applicant would lose their housing allocations. If the waiver petition was not approved, the issued housing unit allocations will be forfeited and a new Preliminary Equivalent Sketch Plan would be required thus placing a hardship on the applicant.

Not Detrimental to the Public Interest - Approval of the waiver request will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood and will not substantially impair the appropriate use or development of the surrounding residential properties. Allowing the applicant additional time to complete the Developer's Agreement and to submit the original final plat will not be detrimental to the public since the design is not changing. The extension of time will allow for a possible change in the economic market.

<u>Will Not Nullify the Intent or Purpose of the Regulations</u> - Approval of this waiver request will not nullify the intent or purpose of the regulations since the design of the previously submitted final plan will not change.

Indicate this waiver petition file number, request, section of the regulations, action, conditions of approval, and date on all related plats, and site development plans, and building permits. This requested waiver will remain valid for the time period specified in the conditions of approval or as long as this subdivision remains in active processing.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Luber at (410) 313-2350 or email at <u>BLuber@howardcountymd.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Kent Sheubrooks, Chief Division of Land Development

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cc: Research

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