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Bertram and Nancy Brown P.O. Box 39 Highland, MD 20777

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brown:

RE: WP-12-043, Clarksville Crossing (SP-07-013)

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(k)(3)** (i) – requiring the submission of the final plan within 4 months of approval date of the preliminary equivalent sketch plan. The Petitioners have requested a one year extension for the submission of the final plan.

Approval is subject to the following condition:

1. The Final Plan submission must be submitted to DPZ within one year from the previous deadline date by October 30, 2012.

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 ten 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 submit the final plan submission will not be detrimental to the public since the design is not changing. The extension of time will allow the developer additional time to deal with the current economic conditions.

<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 preliminary equivalent sketch 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 BLuber@howardcountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Kent Sheubrooks, Chief Division of Land Development

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