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RE:

WP-17-085, Lennox Park Lots 458-465

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning considered your request for an alternative compliance from the Howard County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations.

As of the date of this letter, the Planning Director **approved** your request for an alternative compliance to **Section** 16.155(a)(2) subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The DED comments dated November 13, 2017 (see attached).
- 2. The Alternative Compliance Petition exhibit shall serve as the substitute for a site development plan for development. All improvements shown on the exhibit must be constructed per the plan exhibits submitted dated October 7, 2017. The revised alternative compliance plan exhibit shall be submitted as an original mylar and receive signature approval from the Department of Planning and Zoning prior to applying for permits. The original mylar plan exhibit shall be submitted within 45 days of this letter (on or before December 29, 2017).
- 3. Compliance with all applicable County and State Regulations and obtain all necessary permits from the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits prior to initiating development on-site.

Our decision was made based on the following:

Extraordinary Hardship or Practical Difficulty – If the alternative compliance is not granted, the applicant will be required to prepare a site development plan for the development of 6 single family semi-detached residential units. The proposed units are intended to be offered as affordable housing units and additional expense of the SDP approval will increase the cost and the ultimate purchase price for the such units. In addition, this Department will require that this project comply with all required permits issued by DILP as well as any other state/local requirements.

<u>Alternative Proposal</u>— The alternative proposal to waive Section 16.155(a)(2)(i) would be to submit a new site development plan under standard review. The detailed plan exhibit submitted with this alternative compliance is a suitable substitute for the SDP requirement showing information necessary to evaluate this request for compliance with the Regulations. The applicant is still required to comply with all building permits as well as other state/local requirements.

Not Detrimental to the Public Interest – Approval of the alternative compliance will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood and will not substantially impair the appropriate use or development of the surrounding properties. DPZ and various SRC agencies have reviewed the alternative compliance in accordance with the current requirements, including the Howard County Code.

<u>Will not Nullify the Intent or Purpose of the Regulations</u> – The alternative compliance proposal is an acceptable alternative to submitting a site development plan for standard review because the alternative compliance exhibit complies with the current Regulations. The proposed improvements were reviewed by the SRC agencies and are required to comply with all building permits.

This requested alternative compliance will remain valid for the time period specified in the conditions of approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wellen at (410) 313-2350 or email at jwellen@howardcountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

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