

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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RE:

WP-18-118 Guilford East Industrial Center- Parcel A

Dear Sir/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 of **Section 16.155(a)(1)** requiring a site development plan.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The alternative compliance plan exhibit shall serve as the substitute for a site development plan for development. No disturbance is permitted beyond the proposed construction of the exterior landing and stairway as shown on the plan exhibit.
- 2. Revise the plan exhibit in accordance with the attached comments from the Division of Land Development and Development Engineering Division and submit an original signed and sealed mylar to DPZ within 45 days for signature and retention (on or before August 17, 2018). Building permit B18001516 will not be released until the mylar receives signature approval. Please schedule an appointment with Carol Stirn at 410-313-2350 to submit the original mylar plan exhibit drawing.
- 3. The applicant shall obtain all required building and grading permits from the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits for the proposed exterior landing and stairway.

Our decision was made based on the following:

Extraordinary Hardships or Practical Difficulties

The building leasing plan and ADA compliance regulations require the applicant to add an exterior door with a landing and stairway access. The applicant tried to initiate the redline revision process through DPZ but the original SDP-73-015 mylar could not be located in County records. The applicant is proposing to submit a mylar of the plan exhibit for County review and signature approval. The plan exhibit depicts existing conditions and the proposed landing and stairway and meets all requirements for a formal Site Development Plan. Requiring the applicant to follow the standard site development plan process would result in additional costs, time and effort to obtain approval for a minor exterior improvement.

Not Detrimental to the Public Interest

The construction of the exterior landing and stairway will not be detrimental to the public interest. All structures and parking shown on the plan exhibit is existing and the location of the proposed improvements are within the interior of the site. The owner submitted a professionally prepared plan exhibit depicting existing conditions and proposed improvements for DPZ to sign and retain as the development plan of record. The plan exhibit will be utilized for future redline revisions if additional site improvements are proposed.

Will Not Nullify the Intent or Purpose of the Regulations

The alternative compliance request will not nullify the intent or purpose of the regulations. The intent is to have an approved development plan in County records. Since the original Site Development Plan cannot be located, the applicant is submitting a plan exhibit for DPZ records. The plan exhibit depicts the prior-approved existing conditions on the site as well as the proposed minor site improvements.

Indicate this alternative compliance petition file number, request, section of the regulations, action, conditions of approval and date on all related building and grading permits. This alternative compliance approval will remain valid for one year from the date of this letter or as long as a building permit is being actively processed in accordance with the processing provisions of the Regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Buschman at (410) 313-2350 or email at ebuschman@howardcountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Kent Sheubrooks, Chief Division of Land Development

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