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Kittamaquindi Community Church  
5410 Leaf Treader Way  
Columbia, MD 21044

RE: WP-11-166, Kittamaquindi Community Church  
Waiver Petition Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

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 16.155(a)(1)(i)**, requiring a site development plan, approved by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The disposal or spreading of human remains is contingent upon compliance with all applicable State of Maryland regulations and requirements.
2. The applicant must obtain any required permits from the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits prior to beginning any construction on the site.

Our decision was made based on the following:

Extraordinary Hardships or Practical Difficulties:

Extraordinary hardship would result from requiring the applicant to submit an expensive and timely Site Development Plan to simply add a stone walkway, an archway portal over the walkway, a memorial garden with a bubbler fountain, and benches. Additionally, the applicant has provided detailed plans outlining the proposed development, which this Division has reviewed and approved. Because of the minor nature of the proposed development and the current economic conditions, it would be an extraordinary hardship or practical difficulty to require the applicant to submit a new Site Development Plan for this project.

Alternative Proposal

The alternative proposal would require the applicant to submit a new Site Development Plan for the proposed development activities. However, due to the minor nature of the proposed development and the current economic conditions, this Division does not recommend the submission of a new Site Development Plan in this situation.

Not Detrimental to the Public Interest

The waiver request will not be detrimental to the public interest since the applicant will be improving the Open Space lot in an effort to enhance the public's use and enjoyment of the lot. The proposed stone walkway, an archway portal over the walkway, a memorial garden with a bubbler fountain, and benches will greatly expand the types of activities that the public is able to enjoy on the lot.

Will not nullify the intent or purpose of the regulations

Approval of this waiver request will not nullify the Intent or Purpose of the Regulation because the proposed development is minor in nature, requiring only an electrical permit to be pulled from the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits. Therefore, approval of this waiver request will satisfy the Intent of the Regulations by permitting fairness and consistency in the application of the plan processing procedures.

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 one year from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact J.J. Hartner at (410) 313-2350 or email at [jehartner@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jehartner@howardcountymd.gov).

Sincerely,



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