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Frank Federico Emily's Delight 7310 Esquire Court, Suite 14 Elkridge, MD 21075

RE: WP-12-150, Pecoraro Property, Phases I-III (F-10-032, F-10-124, and F-11-032)

Dear Mr. Federico:

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(q)**, which states that within 180 days of final plan approval, the developer shall submit the final subdivision plat to the Department of Planning and Zoning for signatures and recordation.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Final Plat for Phase I, F-10-032, must be submitted for recordation within 6 months of the current deadline (on or before **October 5, 2012**).
- 2. The Final Plat for Phase II, F-10-124, must be submitted for recordation within one year of the current deadline (on or before **March 26, 2013**)
- 3. The Final Plat for Phase III, F-11-032, must be submitted for recordation within one year of the current deadline (on or before **August 4, 2013**).
- 4. All SRC comments for the plats must be addressed.
- 5. F-10-032, F-10-124 and F-11-032 are subject to the attached comments from DED.

Our decision was made based on the following:

Extraordinary Hardship or Practical Difficulty – The applicant requests this waiver based on financial constraints and practical hardships. The contracted buyer cannot complete the purchase of the lots at this time. Recording the lots prior to that purchase would hold the developer liable for newly assessed individual tax bills on the new lots, creating a significant financial burden. Currently, the County is still routinely granting extensions based on poor economic conditions.

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 properties. There have been no substantive changes to the Subdivision and Land Development code during the extended deadline timeframe that would affect the status of this project.

<u>Will Not Nullify the Intent or Purpose of the Regulations</u> – The waiver does not request relaxation of any technical or material subdivision or development requirements.

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 Jill Manion-Farrar at (410) 313-2350 or email at jfarrar@howardcountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

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