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Stacey Carol Wallace, PR of the Estate of Ruth Dosh Keim
7600 Ridge Road
Marriottsville, MD 21104

RE: WP-17-134, Keim Property, Lot 4

Dear Ms. Wallace:

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 16.147** Final Subdivision Plan and Final Plat, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Alternative Compliance request approval from the final subdivision plat requirements in this case is only a mechanism for Department of Planning & Zoning to recognize the present property configuration for Parcel No. 752, Lot 4 0.341 acres as a separate building lot.
2. A Site Development Plan will be required for building a Single-Family Dwelling.

The Planning Director's decision was made based on the following:

Extraordinary Hardships or Practical Difficulties - Strict compliance with the Subdivision Regulations in this case will result in extraordinary hardship and practical difficulties for the present property owner if required to prepare and process a subdivision plat the lot would be unbuildable and therefore have no value. The expense of employing an engineering firm to prepare the plat and handle the acquisition of the necessary approval to correct a problem created years ago is an extraordinary hardship for the Owners of which they did not realize the deed history and illegal creation.

Alternative Proposal - The intent of the Regulations will be served through the implementation of the alternative proposal to recognize the existing recorded deeds for the subject property. The Owners are not attempting to circumvent the Regulations by the approval of this waiver request, but are requesting relief from a set of circumstances out of their control. Therefore, the processing of this waiver should be viewed as a reasonable alternative to processing a subdivision plat.

Not Detrimental to the Public Interest - Approval of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public welfare. According to the State Department of Tax Assessments is a legal lot they have been paying taxes on since 1974. The parcel cannot be re-subdivided under the current R-20 Zoning District regulations. Therefore, it will allow no impact on the traffic patterns or increase in the school enrollment for the area. Approval of this waiver will permit fairness and consistency in the application of the Regulations.

Will not nullify the intent or purpose of the regulations -The subject property follows the minimum lot size requirements of the "R-20" zoning district. In this case, substantial justice is done and the public's interest secured for recognition of the existing recorded deeded parcel based on all the above justifications.

Indicate this alternative compliance 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 alternative compliance approval will remain valid for one year from the date of this letter or as long as a subdivision or site development plan is being actively processed in accordance with the processing provisions of the Regulations.

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

Sincerely,



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