



# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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Howard County  
Department of Recreation and Parks  
attn: Paul Walsky  
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RE: **WP-20-057 Holiday Hills Park** (Village of Hickory Ridge, Sect. 6, Parcel A)

Dear Mr. Walsky:

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)(i)**, which requires a site development plan for all new and expanded non-residential development. The subject property is to be improved with a 16'-10" x 10'-10" shade structure (supported by four footers) and two permanent benches to be installed in the playground area of the park.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) This alternative compliance is approved for only the requested in this petition.
- 2) The applicant must comply with all permitting requirements authorized by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits for this project.


Our decision was made based on the following:

If this alternative compliance petition is not granted, the applicant will be required to prepare a site development plan (SDP) for a minor project that includes the installation of four footers into an existing impervious foundation to support a shade structure that is 16'-10" x 10'-10" in size. In addition, the requirement of a SDP would be an unreasonable hardship due to the effort, time and the monetary cost required to prepare a SDP for a project of this scale. The applicant has provided a plan exhibit that details the precise location of the shade structure and its proximity (dimensioned in feet) to all parcel lot lines. The applicant proposes no disturbance to any pervious, ground area of the park. And, lastly, this project complies with the development criteria for open space land uses as stated in FDP-198-A-1.

Indicate this alternative compliance petition file number, request, section of the regulations, action, conditions of approval, and date on all required permits. This alternative compliance approval will remain valid for one year from the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,



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