

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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March 3, 2023

The Estate of Ruth L. Harbin c/o Mark Bobotek, Esq. P.O. Box 66
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RE: WP-23-081 Bethany Glen (ARAH) F-22-033

Dear Mr. Bobotek:

This letter is to inform you that your request for alternative compliance to the Howard County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations for the subject project was reviewed.

On March 2, 2023, and pursuant to Section 16.104, the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, considered and **approved** your request for alternative compliance with respect to **Section 16.144(r)(3)** of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to extend the 45-day deadline of February 24, 2023, to resubmit a final plan (F-22-033) for the Bethany Glen subdivision.

The Department of Planning and Zoning hereby determines that you have demonstrated to its satisfaction that strict enforcement of Section 16.144(r)(3) would result in an unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty. This determination is made with consideration of your alternative compliance application and the one (1) item] you were required to address, pursuant to Section 16.104(a)(1):

## Unreasonable hardship and practical difficulties may result from strict compliance with the regulations.

The applicant has indicated that the 14-day extension to the February 24, 2023, resubmission deadline date is a result of continued discussions with DPZ's Development Engineering Division (DED) and the Soils Conservation District regarding the stormwater management approach and the floodplain analysis. The latest review of the plans resulted in comments from DED and Soils that required the applicant and the plan consultant to conduct meetings on January 13, 2023, and February 13, 2023, to provide input and guidance concerning the revised design and approaches taken to satisfy the comments. As a result of these meetings, significant plan revisions were determined to be necessary to adequately analyze the impact and, therefore, additional time beyond the 45-day time-period is necessary. Granting the Alternative Compliance request does not relax any technical requirements but allows the developer additional time to address outstanding DPZ plan comments. If the final plan and plat were to expire, a new submission matching the existing and without any resolution to the outstanding comments would be required which would be an unreasonable hardship. Approval of this alternative compliance promotes efficiency of the plan review process.

Approval of this Alternative Compliance is subject to the following two conditions:

- 1. The applicant must provide the additional information within 14 days of the February 24, 2023, deadline date (on or before March 10, 2023).
- 2. Include this alternative compliance petition decision as a general note on the final plan (F-22-033). This note shall include the petition's file number, the regulatory sections, the decision date, and the condition of approval.

Indicate this alternative compliance petition file number, request, section of the regulations, action, conditions of approval, and date on the final plan (F-22-033). This alternative compliance approval will remain valid for the time-period specified in the conditions of approval.

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

Anthony Cataldo, AICP, Chief Division of Land Development

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## **ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE APPLICATION**

Site Description: 9891 Old Frederick Road - Route 99

Subdivision Name/Property Identification: Bethany Glen -ARAH, F-22-033

Location of property: 9891 Old Frederick Road - Route 99

Existing Use: Residential Proposed Use: Age Restricted - Attached & Detached Dwellings

Tax Map: 17 Grid: 15 Parcel No: 34 Election District: 5th

Zoning District: R-20 Total site area: 68.57

Please list all previously submitted or currently active plans on file with the County (subdivision plans, Board of Appeals petitions, alternative compliance petitions, etc.). If no previous plans have been submitted, please provide a brief history of the site and related information to the request:

BA-17-018C, SP-21-002, ECP-21-017, SDP-22-021, F-22-033

In the area below, the petitioner shall enumerate the specific numerical section(s) from the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations for which an alternative compliance is being requested and provide a brief summary of the request.

Section Reference No.	Brief Summary of Request	
16.144(r)(3)	Additional Information: Requesting approval for a 14-day extension to the revised plan submission deadline to adequately analyze the requests received by the County and ultimately make the necessary plan and computational updates to resubmit	