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Via e-mail: TSchwenzfeier@mckimcreed.com

Tara Schwenzfeier
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Re: Request for Administrative Variance – Woodfield Apartments

Dear Ms. Schwenzfeier:

On behalf of the City Engineer, I have reviewed your request for a variance and rendered the following decision:

Maximum Length of a Private Driveway (500/800 rule) Granted Denied

Technical Standard: Section VII (Traffic Engineering), C.4 (Private Driveways)
If the private driveway accesses a through street, the total length shall not exceed 500 linear feet. If the private drive does not access a through street, the combination of the public streets and private driveways shall not exceed 800 linear feet. The length of the driveway is measured along the vehicle path from the curb line of the intersecting street to the furthest end of the parking area.

Description: The applicant seeks relief from this requirement in three areas – predominantly in the front of Building #1, 4 spaces at the northern end of Building #2 and a parking area on the northwest corner of Building #3.

Justification: This is a large linear tract with no opportunity for a public street extension, making compliance with the rule challenging. The project has provided sufficient access for emergency vehicles with good internal circulation and access points off of a public street.

Please contact me at richard.christensen@wilmingtonnc.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard Christensen, PE
Project Engineer

cc: David Cowell, City Engineer, City of Wilmington
Bill McDow, Transportation Planning, City of Wilmington
Brian Chambers, Senior Associate Planner, City of Wilmington