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Syd Shoaf Senior Planner Department of Community Development 401 McIntire Road, Room 227 Charlottesville, VA 22902

RE: Maplewood Apartments – REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION Setback Exception Request to PRD Zoning for Interior lot lines (SE for Maplewood Apartments site plan - ZMA2021-00006)

Dear Syd Shoaf:

Please allow this letter to serve as our official request for a special exception to modify the setbacks for the Maplewood PRD as shown on the approved application plan (ZMA2021-00006). Per Section 18-8.5.5.3(a)(1) of the Albemarle County Code of Ordinances, a special exception may be granted by the board of supervisors for the modification of yard requirements from an approved site plan.

In order to accommodate the phasing of the construction of the buildings through the condominium process, interior lot lines need to be platted for the development. Creating an individual lot for each condominium building allows the builder to purchase the lot, construct the building, and then incorporate it into the condominium association. The setbacks listed in the PRD application plan were intended to be perimeter setbacks, and interior lot setbacks were never contemplated with the rezoning. If the current setbacks (perimeter setbacks) were applied to the interior lot lines, the building layouts would need to be modified to accommodate these setbacks. Therefore, we are requesting a variation to the approved PRD application to create interior lot line setbacks. The approved PRD setbacks would remain the same for the perimeter lot lines, but all interior lot lines would be subject to the proposed interior side and rear yard setbacks. The proposed interior side yard setbacks would be 5' minimum and no maximum setback. The proposed interior rear yard setbacks would be 5' minimum and no maximum setback. The front yard setbacks would remain the same. This proposed variation would not have any effect on the proposed layout of the building, travelways, parking areas, buffers, recreation areas or any other elements of the application plan. Attached is an exhibit illustrating how the interior setbacks would be applied to the site plan.

Thank you again for the consideration of this special exception request, and please contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely,

**Scott Collins** 

