

February 8, 2013

Workforce Homestead, Inc.
14 Brewery Lane
Tryon, NC 28782

Steve Medlin, Director
Durham City-County Planning Department
101 City Hall Plaza
Durham NC 27701

Re: Vermilion, 1311 Cook Road
Expedited Hearing Request - Zoning Map Change Request

Dear Mr. Medlin:

I am a co-developer of Vermilion, a proposed new construction 76-unit affordable multifamily rental housing complex sited on Cook Road. We have applied for a zoning map change and are currently working with Planning staff to prepare for a submittal to the March 12th Planning Commission meeting.

I'm writing to request an expedited hearing of the Planning Commission's recommendation on our project for final consideration by the City Council. The reason for this expedited request is to allow us to meet the NC Housing Finance Agency 2013 full application submittal deadline, May 17th, to conclude any rezoning for an application seeking federal housing tax credits. Final City Council approval of any zoning change is required by this hard submittal deadline.

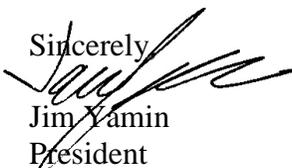
I am requesting an expedited hearing as provided for under section 3.5.11.B.4.a. of the city's Unified Development Ordinance: deadlines set by the local, State or Federal government for receipt of applications for needed funding, designation or other regulations concerning the property make expedited consideration necessary.

Section IV.A.1.(a)(ii) of the NCHFA 2013 Qualified Allocation Plan states the following:

Required zoning must be in place by the full application submission date (May 17, 2013), including special/conditional use permits, and any other discretionary land use approval required (includes all legislative or quasi-judicial decisions).

Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide any further information to support this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Jim Yamin
President

cc: Scott Whiteman, Planning Supervisor
Amy Wolff, Planner