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February 4, 2019

The Honorable City Council
City of Wildwood, Missouri
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: A recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding **P.Z. 14-07 Covert Corsair Homes, Inc.**, which seeks a modification to the site-specific ordinance to allow for an extension of time for the commencement of construction to begin upon this tract of land, given the specified timeframe ended on January 17, 2019.

Street Address: 16815 Manchester Road

Location: North side of Manchester Road, west of Taylor Road

Zoning District: C-8 Planned Commercial District

Town Center

Plan Designations: 'Neighborhood Edge and Workplace' Districts

Ward: Eight

Council Members:

INTRODUCTION - The Planning and Zoning Commission is being requested by the property owners of an approved project that is designated an existing commercial zoning district designation (C-8 Planned Commercial District) to allow a certain required timeline to be extended. The timeline relates to the commencement of construction upon the site. The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the request and considered the historical context of this zoning district designation and developed a report on this matter. Accordingly, the Planning and Zoning Commission, acting at its February 4, 2019, and by a vote of 7 to 0, hereby submits the following report and recommendation for the City Council's review and action.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY - For the purpose of review, **P.Z. 14-07 Covert Corsair Homes, Inc.** was a request for a change in zoning from the R-4 7,500 square foot Residence District, with a Planned Environment Unit, to the C-8 Planned Commercial District. The subject site is 11.3 acres in size and located on the north side of Manchester Road, west of Taylor Road. This property is located within the "Workplace and Neighborhood Edge" Districts (2012) of the City's Town Center Area. The rezoning request for the subject site was to accommodate a mixed-use project that would include one hundred sixty-eight (168) residential units (garden-style condominiums), with underground parking. Additionally, two (2), twenty thousand (20,000) square foot commercial buildings were proposed to be located along the property's Manchester Road frontage and intended for professional/general offices, restaurants, or service activities.

During the Planning and Zoning Commission's review of this rezoning request, a number of items were modified relating to the design of this site. Specifically, the locations of the western-most residential buildings were changed in order to increase the separation between them and the existing residential homes adjoining this boundary of the site. Additionally, the design of the internal roadway was altered to accommodate the required streetscape improvements and provide ample room for a bicycle lane through the site. This roadway connection was critical to the design of this site, given it will ultimately provide access

between Manchester Road and Main Street (through the property to the north) and meet a requirement established by the Missouri Department of Transportation for an alternative access from State Route 100 to Manchester Road. Finally, the revised design incorporated the necessary public space amenities, as required by the City's Public Space Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the change in zoning, given its compliance with the Town Center Plan and its related standards and guidelines. The Letter of Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission was forwarded to the City Council, with this affirmative recommendation for the change in zoning and application of the C-8 Planned Commercial District. The City Council received this letter and ultimately approved and passed the change in zoning on March 10, 2008. This approval was based upon the compliance of this request to the City's Master Plan and Town Center Plan, the improved design that provided a better transition from this development to existing residential areas, and the installation and development of the infrastructure needed to support this use, including the required public space.

With the approval of the C-8 Planned Commercial District ordinance, the petitioner was required to complete the Site Development Plan review process and receive approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission within one (1) year of the March 10, 2008 date. This date would have been March 10, 2009. A one-time six (6) month extension is authorized by the site-specific ordinance, and the Planning and Zoning Commission approved this extension at its February 17, 2009 Executive Session. Therefore, the new date for the required submittal and action on the Site Development Plan became September 10, 2009, but was not met.

As noted, with the City Council's action, the approval of the required Site Development Plan was to have been completed by September 10, 2009. With the September 2009 date already passed and the residential home and commercial market suffering under the Great Recession, the petitioner sought an eighteen (18) month extension for the approval of the Site Development Plan. Although the plan was not completed, the petitioners, along with their engineer, had continued to work towards this end, but certain design considerations, such as stormwater facilities and roadway extension, delayed its approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission, which led to the petitioner's requested extension.

This request was considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission in April 2010 and its members recommended the extension of time for the approval of the Site Development Plan be granted to this project. The Commission members noted the current climate for residential projects was still very difficult and, by not allowing additional time, the City would be ignoring the problems that exist across the country relative to new developments of this type. Additionally, the petitioners had been working on the plan with City staff and other service providers/utilities to address the integration of this site into the surrounding network of improvements that were being planned on adjacent properties or already in place. With this support, the Commission agreed to an additional eighteen (18) months of time for the submittal of the required plan, which would be October 2011. The City Council concurred and the request for an extension of time for the Site Development Plan was granted shortly thereafter by the City. The Site Development Plan received approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 25, 2011, being well within this extended timeframe.

In April 2013, the owners of this eleven (11) acre site requested an extension of time for the commencement of construction to begin on the site, which was to have occurred thirty (30) months following the approval of the Site Development Plan. Accompanying this extension request was an amendment to the site-specific ordinance to allow the unit type to change from condominiums to apartments. The petitioners noted, at the meeting with the Department of Planning, that interest in the project was limited and they did not want to