



November 15, 2017

Jennifer Clarke, AICP Acting City Planner
Planning Board
133 William Street, #303
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Ms. Clarke,

As noted on the attached Notice of Decision from the New Bedford Planning Board a request for Site Plan Approval and a Special Permit for Parking Reduction were granted with conditions for the project known as Willis Street Apartments on November 30, 2016.

We understand that the rights authorized by the granted approval must be exercised and acted upon within one year or they will lapse. We are formally writing to request an extension of the Site Plan (case: 31-16) and Special Permit (case: 32-16) for Parking Reduction approvals for one year.

Since the November 30, 2016 planning decision, the Willis Street Apartments project has been awarded full funding by the Department of Housing and Community Development. That process was a time consuming one, resulting in significant delays to the project schedule. It is our understanding from DHCD that we may reasonably assume that the project will reach a financial closing and begin construction in the summer of 2018.

We understand and accept that any extension of the Site Plan and Special Permit approval will not alter the conditions with which they were originally approved and that all recommendations and conditions stipulated in the attached Notice of Decision will still apply.

We look forward to continuing our work with the Planning Department and appreciate the time you have invested to help make it possible. Please feel free to contact me at (401) 941-2900 ext. 118 or by email thomasdavison@gmail.com should you have any additional questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Thomas-Davison
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Women's Development Corporation