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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ms. Madeliene H. Dobbins
Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Parkside BZA fees

Dear Ms. Dobbins:

I received in today's mail (although it was dated May 7) a letter from you stating that we must submit a check in the amount of $60,600 by tomorrow to the Office of Zoning in order to maintain our scheduled June 5 hearing date to consider our BZA Application (No. 16144) in connection with the Parkside project. You indicated in your letter that this fee represents a 50% reduction in the normal filing fee.

Parkside is a government-subsidized, affordable homeownership project sponsored by a nonprofit corporation, the Home Corporation. Because of its affordability levels, the project cannot absorb such a high fee to obtain a zoning variance. We have been unable to budget anywhere near this amount for zoning fees. The project and the District have received a $2 million federal grant that will be canceled if the project is delayed and we are unable to start construction this summer. I respectfully request that the Office of Zoning temporarily defer its requirement for submission of the fee prior to the hearing and give us time to work out a reasonable fee structure that the project can afford. I do not believe this is an unreasonable request given that BZA waived the fee for Parkside Phase 1.

Given the short notice we have been given to react to this request for payment, we would appreciate your assistance so that this hearing is not delayed. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Melkonian
Development Coordinator

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