



**Government of the District of Columbia  
Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department**



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FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Anna Fraser  
Sullivan & Barros, LLP**

**FROM: Spencer A. Hamm  
Battalion Fire Chief, DCFEMS  
Fire Prevention Division**

**DATE: November 17, 2020**

**RE: BZA APPLICATION NO. 20363 – 514 ARCHIBALD WALK, SE (Square  
877, Lot 845)**

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This written correspondence is being forwarded to your office to address 514 Archibald Walk, SE (Square 877, Lot 845) that was submitted to DCFEMS Office of the Fire Marshal for review, by Sullivan & Barros, LLP.

Based on our review, the following findings are being brought forth: The 600 block of E Street and the 600 block of G Street South East will be considered the Fire Access Roads. Both roads are approximately 500' from the proposed building in question.

The 2015 International Fire Code states:

**503.1.1 Buildings and facilities.** Approved fire apparatus access roads shall be provided for every facility, building or portion of a building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction. The fire apparatus access road shall comply with the requirements of this section and shall extend to within 150 feet (45 720 mm) of all portions of the facility and all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility.

**Exceptions:**

1. The fire code official is authorized to increase the dimension of 150 feet (45 720 mm) where any of the following conditions occur:
  - 1.1. The building is equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2 or 903.3.1.3.

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CASE NO.20363  
EXHIBIT NO.34

With the above exception, DCFEMS Office of the Fire Marshal has no objection to this request being approved. Additionally, the applicant shall ensure that all fire department access and service feature requirements are in accordance with the International Fire Code, 2015 edition, Chapter 5: Fire Service Features.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (202) 727-1614.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Spencer A. Hamm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Spencer" being the most prominent.

Spencer A. Hamm  
BFC/ Assistant Fire Marshal  
DCFEMS – Fire Prevention Division