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ZONING INTERPRETATION MEMORANDUM

Memorandum Z-17-04

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FROM: Jared E. Munster, Ph.D., Director

RE: Definition of “Bedroom,” “Guest Bedroom,” and “Guest Room” relative to Sections 20.3.LLL, 21.6.II, and 21.8.C, and Chapter 26 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

As the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance does not provide a definition for the terms “bedroom,” “guest bedroom,” or “guest room” within Chapter 26, the Ordinance dictates that these terms shall be “interpreted in accordance with the definitions considered to be normal dictionary usage” (Sec.26.2.F).

In evaluating the normal dictionary usage of these terms, they are found to be generally synonymous, as they both relate to a room designed and outfitted to be for sleeping or the lodging of guests. As the terms are deemed generally synonymous and are used interchangeably within the text of the Ordinance, the Department will apply only one standard definition to any of these three terms.

For the purposes of use within the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, the terms “bedroom,” “guest bedroom,” and “guest room” shall be defined as follows:

An enclosed room designed for and outfitted to be used for sleeping and/or lodging of guests. A bedroom shall not be a shared space or a space designed for or outfitted to be used for any purpose other than sleeping or lodging of guests (e.g. living rooms, parlors, attics, offices, game room, or utility room).

