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ZONING INTERPRETATION MEMORANDUM

Memorandum Z-19-01

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FROM: Zachary Smith, AIA, Director

RE: Definition of “private walkway” included in Table 21-2 of Section 21.7 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Pursuant to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, a “private walkway” is permitted to encroach into a required Front Yard, Corner Side Yard, Interior Side Yard, and/or Rear Yard (21.7). As the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) does not provide a definition for the term “private walkway” within the Section or Article 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, the term “private” is defined as “intended for or restricted to the use of a particular person, group, or class.” The term “walkway” is defined as “a passage for walking”, “a raised passageway connecting different sections of a building”, “skybridge”, “a passage or path connecting buildings”, and “a passage or path, especially one that is covered or raised above the ground.” By combining the terms together, “private walkway” can refer to a raised passageway the serves a private use.

For the purposes of use within the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, the term “private walkway” shall be defined as follows:

A walking path, skybridge, or elevated passageway that is exclusively used by a particular group for immediate travel directly between buildings and which is not accessible to the public.

