

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION

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March 2, 2018

Pamela S. Fox Twin Lakes Community 3701 Wade Coble Drive Burlington, NC 27215

## **Exempt from Review**

Record #:

2531

Facility Name:

Twin Lakes Community

FID #:

923513

Business Name:

Lutheran Retirement Ministries of Alamance County, North Carolina

Business #:

1163

Project Description: Replacement and Expansion of Existing Nursing Facility

County:

Alamance

## Dear Ms. Fox:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of February 19, 2018, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(e). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

However, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Sections to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the Agency. Changes in a project include, but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate;

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(3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Celia C. Almuan

Project Analyst

Martha J. Frisone

Chief, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

cc: Const

Construction Section, DHSR

Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR Sharetta Blackwell, Program Assistant Healthcare Planning, DHSR



February 19, 2018

Martha Frisone, Chief Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Division of Health Service Regulation 2704 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2704



Re: Exemption from Review Notification for Replacement and Expansion of Existing Nursing Home Facility Pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. 131E-184(e)

Facility Name:

Twin Lakes Community - Coble Creek Healthcare and Rehabilitation

Facility ID:

923513

License Number:

NH0351

Dear Ms. Frisone:

Lutheran Retirement Ministries of Alamance County, North Carolina d.b.a Twin Lakes Community, a continuing care retirement community (CCRC), is currently in the design and planning phase of a replacement for its existing nursing home facility to be located near our current facility on Twin Lakes Community campus. Coble Creek Healthcare and Rehabilitation at Twin Lakes Community consists of 65 open dually certified MCR/MCD skilled nursing beds, 35 closed Medicare only skilled nursing beds, and 4 ACH beds. The construction of the new healthcare facility will not result in a change in total bed capacity which will remain as listed above.

The purpose of this letter is to provide formal notification to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, CON Section of this replacement and expansion under the CON law's exemption provisions set forth under NC General Statute 131 E-184(e).

Twin Lakes Community's Skilled Healthcare Building project is to construct a new up-to-date Skilled Healthcare Residence to replace the existing aging Coble Creek Healthcare and Rehabilitation Building. The Coble Creek Healthcare Building was the first building that was constructed in the Twin Lakes Community in the early 1980's. Over the past 35 years it has met the skilled healthcare needs of the community and is currently out-of-date and inadequate on many levels to meet the demands and needs of the Twin Lakes Community residents.



During the Pre-Design phase of this project, an assessment of the existing Coble Creek Healthcare Building was performed and it was concluded that renovation for the building would be as costly if not more costly than new construction. This reaffirmed the justification to proceed with the design and construction of a replacement residence.

The new Skilled Healthcare Building is programmed to be approximately 125,000 to 130,000 gross square feet. It will be built on an approximately thirteen-acre site that borders Church Street to the south and Wade Coble Drive on the north. The site is directly across Wade Coble Drive from the existing skilled care facility. The main entrance to the community is at the southwest corner of the site.

The building will be a one-story building with a smaller basement level to accommodate service functions in the building. The goal of the project is to provide a skilled healthcare building that facilitates quality caregiving for the residents in a "home like" setting. The organizational concept establishes five "neighborhoods" of 20 to 21 private resident rooms. The site and building construction budget has been preliminarily set to be \$33 million to \$35 million.

Our project team includes Twin Lakes Community staff and TFF Architects & Planners, LLP. We have sent the schematic plans to you to illustrate the proposed design, realizing that the final design and plans are subject to a full review and approval by the Construction Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation.

We respectfully request that the Division confirm that the replacement and expansion described herein is exempt from the Certificate of Need review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require any additional information to consider this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (336) 538-1500.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Fox President /CEO



