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## VIA EMAIL ONLY

March 11, 2024

Susan M. Fradenburg SFradenburg@Foxrothschild.com

### **Exempt from Review**

Record #:	4392
Date of Request:	March 1, 2024
Facility Name:	Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree Valley
FID #:	923281
Business Name:	Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree, LLC
Business #:	3531
Project Description:	Revised renovations and expansion of a nursing facility on the same site with no change in the number of licensed beds
County:	Wake

Dear Susan M. Fradenburg:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(e)(1). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

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; (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,

Crystal Kearney, Project Analyst

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Micheala Mitchell, Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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### HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

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Susan M. Fradenburg Direct No: 336.378.5482 Email: SFradenburg@Foxrothschild.com

March 1, 2024

Via email and U.S. Mail Mr. Mike McKillip, Project Analyst Certificate of Need Section Division of Health Service Regulation North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services 2704 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

> Re: Prior Written Notice of Exempt Nursing Home Renovation Project Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree Valley – NH 0428 FID #923281 Revisions to Record #3839

Dear Mike:

Our firm represents Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree Valley ("Hillcrest Raleigh") in Wake County. On March 21, 2022, you determined that Hillcrest Raleigh's proposed renovation and expansion was exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(e)CON review. *See* Exhibit A. Hillcrest Raleigh's construction project has experienced some delay but they are now ready to move forward with the construction with some slight changes to the plan.

Hillcrest Raleigh still has 134 nursing facility beds and is still planning to add to existing space by constructing private rooms and new common areas with the construction of a two-story skilled care nursing home addition. The main revision to the proposal is that rather than 48 new single occupancy rooms and associated bathrooms/showers, and nursing support space, there will be 32 new single occupancy rooms.

The remainder of the March 2022 proposal will remain materially the same. Specifically, the 32 beds will be developed on the existing nursing home site as an expansion to the existing building. The 32 beds will come from existing semi-private rooms and the total number of licensed nursing facility beds will remain at 134 nursing facility beds. The construction will still utilize a neighborhood design and includes new open living/dining spaces with the resident's

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Mr. Mike McKillip, Project Analyst March 1, 2024 Page 2

rooms being located around the common area. The renovations will be designed to be residential in appearance. The proposed renovations will enhance residents' living experience and improve their quality of life. A proposed updated site plan for the new construction is attached as Exhibit B. The portion of the plan in red shows the site for the construction.

The proposed capital expenditure for this project will exceed two million dollars and total current costs are roughly estimated to be around \$10 million, which includes the cost of construction, furniture, fixtures, and other miscellaneous costs such as landscaping, storm water drainage and containment design, planning and a contingency. The proposed capital expenditure will be used solely to renovate and expand the existing nursing home facility on the same site. In accordance with this exemption request Hillcrest Raleigh will continue to operate 134 nursing facility beds following the completion of the renovation project.

Hillcrest Raleigh's project as revised is exempt from CON review pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(e) because the proposed capital expenditure is solely for the purposes of renovating, replacing on the same site, or expanding an existing nursing home facility. The proposed capital expenditure will be used to construct 32 new private rooms and to renovate, replace, and expand residential living and common areas to improve the quality of life. The project will not result in a change in bed capacity, the addition of a health service facility, an increase in the number of nursing facility beds or adult care home beds, the acquisition of major medical equipment, or any other new institutional health service.

We look forward to receiving your letter confirming that Hillcrest Raleigh's revised renovation and expansion for its existing nursing facility involving the construction of 32 private nursing beds from existing semi-private beds on the same site remains exempt from certificate of need review pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(e).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

# **Exhibit** A



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March 21, 2022

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<b>Exempt from Review</b>	
Record #:	3839
Date of Request:	March 3, 2022
Facility Name:	Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree Valley
FID #:	923281
Business Name:	Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree, LLC
Business #:	3531
Project Description:	Renovation and expansion of the nursing facility on the same site with no change
	in the number of licensed beds
County:	Wake

Dear Ms. Fradenburg:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(e). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

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; (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,

Michael J. McKillip Project Analyst Mihiala Michael

Micheala Mitchell Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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March 2, 2022

Via email and U.S. Mail Mr. Mike McKillip, Project Analyst Certificate of Need Section Division of Health Service Regulation North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services 2704 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Prior Written Notice of Exempt Nursing Home Renovation Project Re: Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree Valley – NH 0428 FID #923281

Dear Mike:

Our firm represents Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree Valley ("Hillcrest Raleigh") in Wake County. Hillcrest Raleigh currently has 134 nursing facility beds. Hillcrest Raleigh is planning to add to existing space by constructing private rooms and new common areas which will improve the quality of life for residents. The renovations and expansion will all occur at the existing nursing home site.

In particular, the plans for the project include the construction of a two-story skilled care nursing home addition with a total of 48 new single occupancy rooms and associated bathrooms/showers, and nursing support space. The 48 beds will be developed on the existing nursing home site as an expansion to the existing building. The 48 beds will come from existing semi-private rooms and the total number of licensed nursing facility beds will remain at 134 nursing facility beds. The new construction will utilize a neighborhood design and includes new open living/dining spaces with the residents' rooms being located around the common area. The renovations will be designed to be residential in appearance. The proposed renovations will enhance residents' living experience and improve their quality of life. A proposed site plan for the new construction is attached as Exhibit A.

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The proposed capital expenditure for this project will exceed two million dollars and total current costs are roughly estimated to be around \$16 million, which includes the cost of construction, furniture, fixtures, and other miscellaneous costs such as landscaping, storm water drainage and containment design, planning and a contingency. The proposed capital expenditure will be used solely to renovate and expand the existing nursing home facility on the same site. In accordance with this exemption request Hillcrest Raleigh will continue to operate 134 nursing facility beds following the completion of the renovation project.

Hillcrest Raleigh's project is exempt from CON review pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(e) because the proposed capital expenditure is solely for the purposes of renovating, replacing on the same site, or expanding an existing nursing home facility. The proposed capital expenditure will be used to construct 48 new private rooms and to renovate, replace, and expand residential living and common areas to improve the quality of life. The project will not result in a change in bed capacity, the addition of a health service facility, an increase in the number of nursing facility beds or adult care home beds, the acquisition of major medical equipment, or any other new institutional health service.

We look forward to receiving your letter confirming that Hillcrest Raleigh's renovation and expansion of its existing nursing facility by constructing 48 private nursing beds from existing semi-private beds on the same site is exempt from certificate of need review pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(e).

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

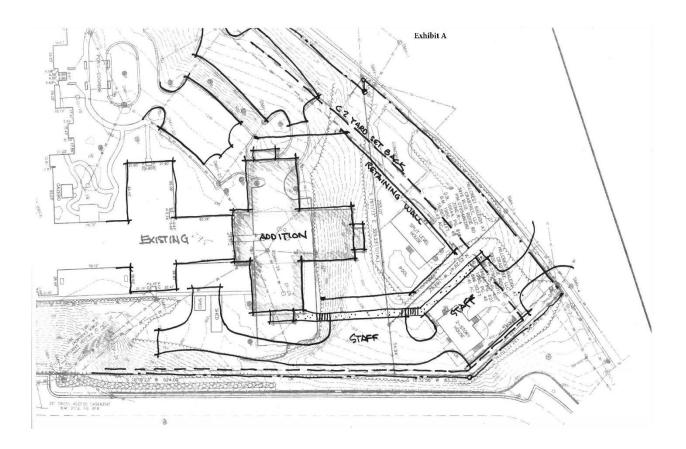
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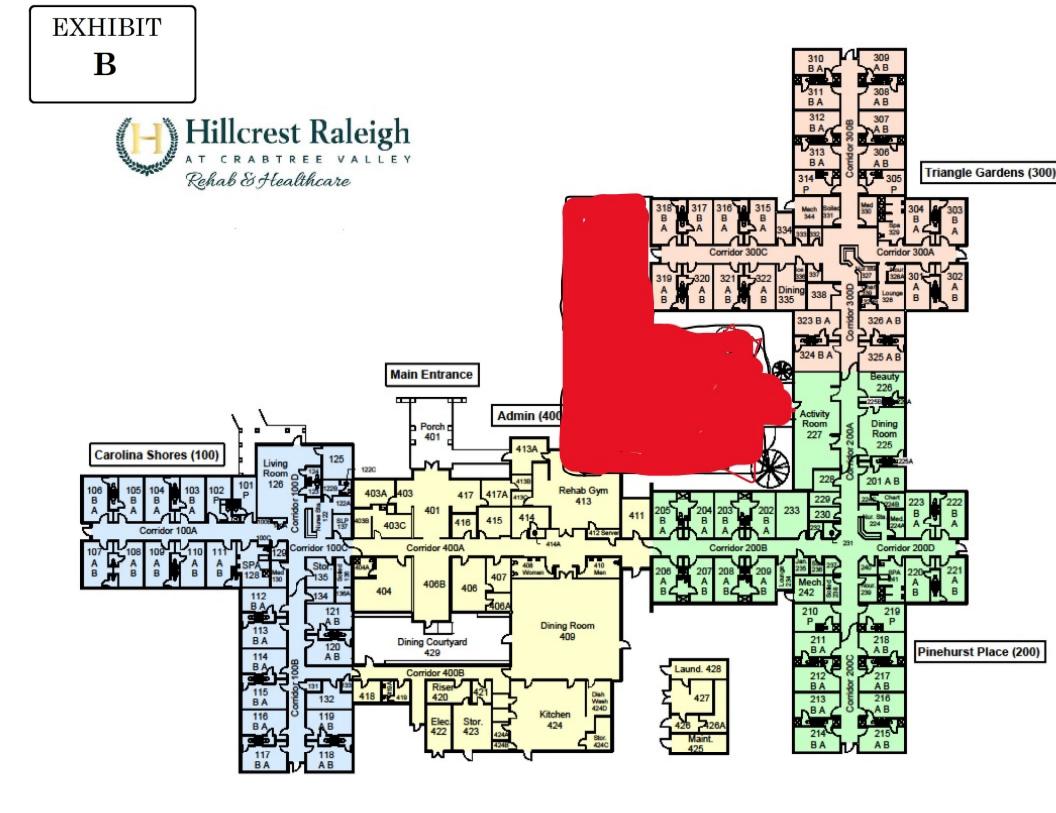
Susan M. Fradenburg

Enclosure

# Exhibit A

# Proposed Site Plan





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Happy Friday, Tiffany! Exemption request that can be given to Crystal. Thanks.

## **Michael McKillip**

Team Leader, Certificate of Need Division of Health Service Regulation, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need <u>NC Department of Health and Human Services</u>

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Have a good weekend.

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