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VIA EMAIL ONLY

January 7, 2025

Marisa Barone

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Exempt from Review

Record #: 4686
Date of Request: January 2, 2025
Facility Name: North Carolina Baptist Hospital
FID #: 943495
Business Name: North Carolina Baptist Hospital
Business #: 1819
Project Description: Renovation on the main campus with no change in bed capacity
County: Forsyth

Dear Ms. Barone:

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(g). 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,

Yolanda W. Jackson
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
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January 2, 2025

Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief
Ms. Yoland Jackson, Project Analyst
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Division of Health Service Regulation
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Re: North Carolina Baptist Hospital (FID # 943495 Lic # H0011) Request for Confirmation on CON Exemption, Main Campus Renovations

Dear Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jackson:

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 131E-184(g), Exemptions from Certificate of Need Review, I am writing to request confirmation that the project described below for North Carolina Baptist Hospital (“NCBH”) is exempt from review.

NCBH intends to renovate several portions of its main campus. The details of each planned renovation are described below.

Subbasement: Approximately half of the existing Emergency Department will be totally gutted and rebuilt as new private treatment rooms. The other half of the existing Emergency Department will be mostly a cosmetic refresh or untouched.

1st Floor:

- 12 existing operating rooms (ORs) will have a cosmetic refresh
- PACU space will mostly be cosmetic refreshed with some renovations
- The air handler that serves the existing ORs and PACU space will be replaced
- 2 ORs and old Nurses Control desk will be demolished and a 10 bed PACU will take its place
- 8 Pediatric ORs and PACU will be demolished and converted into lab and pharmacy space
- Old Lab space will be renovated into a new breakroom
- Old breakroom will be converted into additional locker rooms
- OR training space will be converted into a new OR waiting room

3rd Floor:

- Supply rooms and office space will be converted into offices and sleep rooms for OR staff.

The total square footage of the renovations is approximately 100,000 ft².

NCBH believes this project is exempt from review, as described below. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 131E-184(g):

“The Department shall exempt from certificate of need review any capital expenditure that exceeds the monetary threshold set forth in G.S. 131E-176(16)b. if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to renovate, replace on the same site, or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility that is located on the main campus.*

The purposes of the renovations described are to renovate and replace on the same site a portion of an existing health service facility, NCBH. All renovations will occur on the main campus as defined in N.C.G.S. § 131E-176(14n).

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 131E-176(14n), *“Main campus” means all of the following for the purposes of G.S. 131E-184 (f) and (g) only:*

- a. The site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility, including the buildings and grounds adjacent to that main building.*
- b. Other areas and structures that are not strictly contiguous to the main building but are located within 250 yards of the main building.*

Exhibit 1 includes a campus map of NCBH and outlines the locations of the renovations and the offices of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, who are responsible for financial and administrative control over NCBH. As illustrated on the map, the locations to be renovated are located on the NCBH main campus.

- (2) The capital expenditure does not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in G.S. 131E-176(16)b.*

The capital expenditure for the renovations will not result in a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E-176(5) or in the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in G.S. 131E-176(16)b.

- (3) The licensed health service facility proposing to incur the capital expenditure shall provide prior written notice to the Department, along with supporting documentation to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria of this subsection.*

NCBH respectfully requests that the CON Section confirm that, based on the facts stated above as well as the information included in the Exhibit 1, the described renovation project is exempt from CON review pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 131E-184(g).



Please let me know if you have any questions or if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "Marisa Barone".

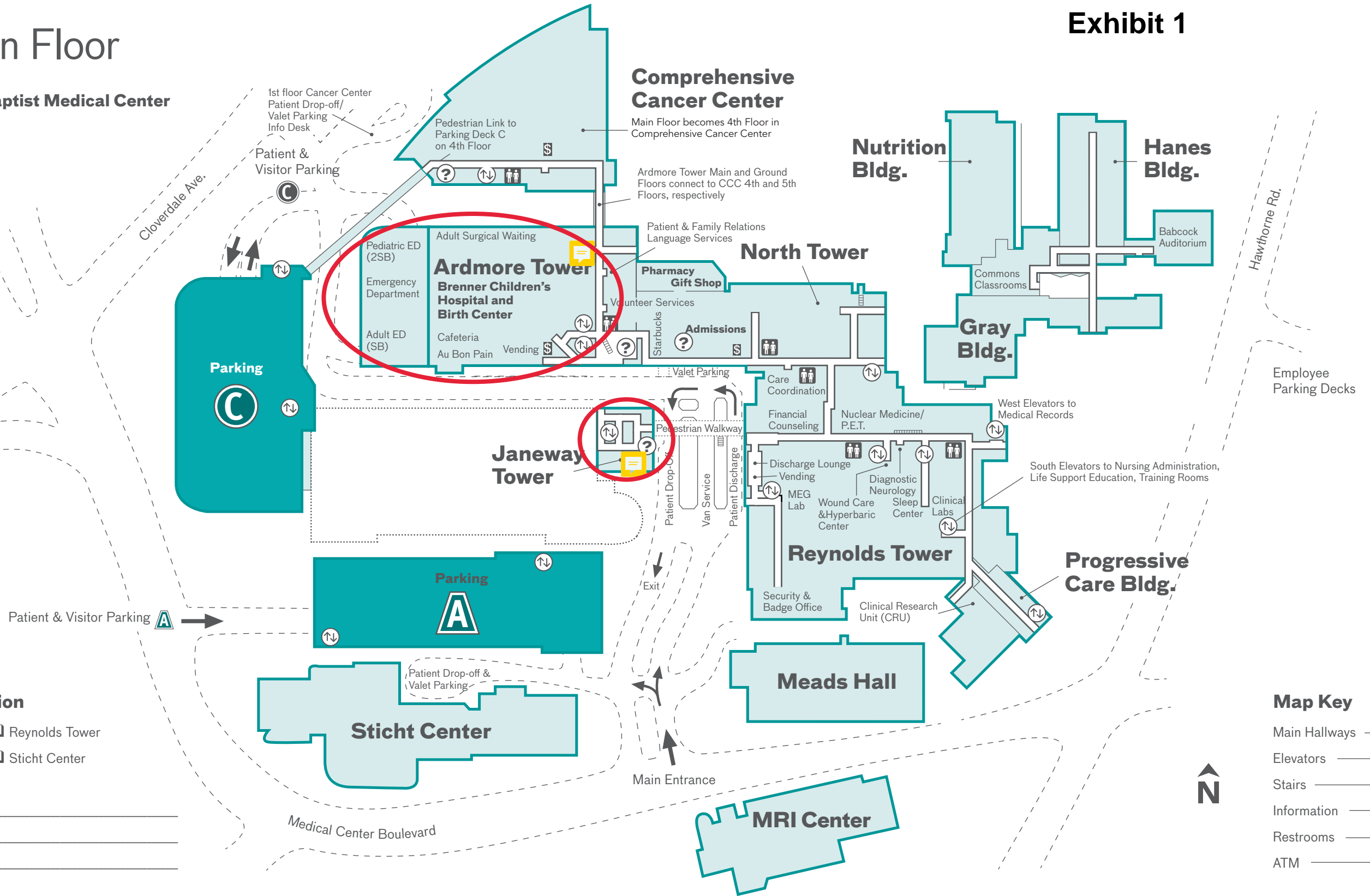
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M Main Floor

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Campus Map

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Exhibit 1



Visiting Location

- Ardmore Tower
- Reynolds Tower
- Cancer Center
- Sticht Center
- North Tower

Room _____
 Floor _____
 Phone Number _____

Map Key

- Main Hallways ————
- Elevators ———— (↑↓)
- Stairs ———— (|||||)
- Information ———— (?)
- Restrooms ———— (♂♀)
- ATM ———— (\$)



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Tiffany,

Please see the attached exemption request.

Yolanda Jackson, JD
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(I am in the office Mondays and Tuesdays. I am working remotely on the other days, therefore email is typically the best way to reach me.)

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Hi Yolanda-

Happy New Year! Please see attached request from North Carolina Baptist Hospital requesting confirmation that the described project is exempt from CON review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if any additional detail is needed.

Thanks,
Marisa

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