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SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF EXPIRATION OF SITE PLAN APPROVAL – SECTION 47-24.1.M., ULDR GRAND BIRCH, LLC – CASE NO. 53-R-12

On April 16, 2013, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 13-65 ("<u>Development Order</u>") which approved a site plan for an 11 story, 22 unit condominium project known as Grand Birch (the "<u>Project</u>") on the property located at 315-325 North Birch Road (the "<u>Property</u>"). Subsequent to that approval, organizations known as Residents for Responsible Growth, LLC and Central Beach Alliance of Fort Lauderdale, Inc., filed a complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief and a petition for writ of certiorari in the Circuit Court of Broward County to challenge the City Commission's approval of the Project (the "<u>Litigation</u>").

Pursuant to ULDR Section 47-24.1.M ("Section"), a site plan expires unless a complete application for a building permit for an above-ground principal structure is submitted not later than eighteen (18) months following the date of site plan approval and a building permit for such above-ground principal structure is issued not later than twenty-four (24) months following the date of site plan approval. Therefore, the Project site plan will expire if (i) the developer fails to file a complete application for a building permit to construct the Project on or before October 16, 2014, or (ii) fails to obtain the building permit on or before April 16, 2015.

The Section also provides that the reviewing body, the city commission in this case, may grant an extension of time for the expiration of a site plan if all applicable building, zoning and engineering regulations remain the same, an application for site plan extension is submitted during the effective period of the site plan and good cause for the delay is shown by the applicant. Good cause may include, but shall not be limited to, delay caused by governmental action or inaction or other factors totally beyond the control of the applicant.

Grand Birch, LLC requests an extension of the time within which it must apply for and obtain a building permit because (i) conclusion of the Litigation is beyond its control and it can neither obtain financing to construct the Project nor apply for a building permit until the Litigation is resolved, (ii) the building, zoning and engineering regulations remain the same as of the date of this application, and (iii) the Development Order is effective as of the date of this application.

Therefore, Grand Birch, LLC requests that the City Commission grant an extension of the time within which it must apply for and obtain a building permit as follows:

From October 16, 2014 to that day which is 18 months from the date upon which
all third party challenges to the validity of the Development Order have been fully
and finally adjudicated by a court of final jurisdiction, including without
limitation all appeals finalized and exhausted, and the validity of the Development
Order has been upheld, to apply for a building permit for construction of the
Project; and

Exhibit 5 13-0957 Page 1 of 2 • From April 16, 2015 to that day which is 24 months from the date upon which all third party challenges to the validity of the Development Order have been fully and finally adjudicated by a court of final jurisdiction, including without limitation all appeals finalized and exhausted, and the validity of the Development Order has been upheld, to obtain the building permit for construction of the Project.