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**VIA HAND DELIVERY & EMAIL**

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City of Fort Lauderdale  
701 South Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

**RE: *Miami Beckham United LLC – Inter Miami CF Northwest VIP Club  
Special Event Permit Applications***

Dear Phil and Barbara:

On behalf of Miami Beckham United, LLC, (the “Applicant”), we hereby request approval of twenty (20) Special Event Permits for the Inter Miami CF Northwest VIP Club (the “VIP Club”), a temporary venue proposed on the Inter Miami Lockhart Training Center and Stadium site at 1350 NW 55th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 (the “Property”). Please see a description of the request below.

**1. Background**

Inter Miami CF is South Florida’s premier professional soccer team and a member of Major League Soccer (“MLS”). Inter Miami has committed to playing its first two MLS seasons at Lockhart Stadium. The Property is zoned General Aviation District Airport (“GAA”), which permits Commercial Recreation uses as a Conditional Use. The City of Fort Lauderdale’s Planning and Zoning Board (“PZB”) approved the Conditional Use for the Stadium and Training Facility on August 9, 2019. The project will include an 18,000-seat soccer stadium, a 50,440 square foot training facility building and practice fields (Case No. R19036). The Conditional Use permit for the proposed uses would by extension permit the proposed VIP Club stadium seating space.

**2. Event Description**

The VIP Club, located at the northwest corner of the Property between the stadium’s west and north stands, is envisioned as a private 3-level, 24,431 square foot temporary structure with an approximate five-year horizon between January 1, 2020 and December 5, 2024. The venue is reserved for fans with tickets in the west Club section along the sideline during the MLS regular-season home matches. The all-inclusive experience includes access to an up-scale lounge atmosphere that provides a combination of air-conditioned, outdoor-covered and open-air seating areas with unobstructed views to the stadium field.

**2.1 Hours of Operation and Music**

The hours of operation will be from 10:00AM to 12:00AM from Monday to Sunday between January 1, 2020 and December 5, 2024. Music will be limited to amplified recorded music during hours of operation. Any outdoor music will end at 9:00PM Sunday through Thursday and 10:00PM Friday through Saturday. It should be noted that the Property is located approximately a half-mile away from the nearest residence.

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## **2.2 Alcoholic Beverages**

The VIP experience will include all-inclusive food and beverage options. All alcohol will be controlled and served only by bartenders and wait staff during hours of operation.

## **2.3 Security**

During home matches, the maximum attendance is anticipated to be 2,300 while the expected sustained attendance is 2,000. The Applicant is still defining its stadium security partner and will work closely with the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department to work out the details and establish a security plan for approval. Security personnel will patrol the Property to ensure the ongoing safety of the venue and attendees. The security team will have appropriate management and coordination systems in place for the venue to ensure health and safety risks are controlled. Security personnel will be strategically located at the entrances, inside the structure, and roving the area.

## **2.4 Parking Impact**

There is no associated parking impact that would result in any parking lot closure. The parking spaces associated with the site plan (Case No. R19036) would also accommodate the VIP Club.

## **2.5 Road and Bridge Closings**

There is no road or bridge closings associated with the event.

## **3. Conclusion**

Enclosed, please find the associated \$4,000 application filing fee. If any additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at [stephanie@toothaker.org](mailto:stephanie@toothaker.org) or 954.648.9376.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Stephanie J. Toothaker*

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