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VIA EMAIL ONLY

November 4, 2022

Howard Whitfield
Howard.whitfield@unchealth.unc.edu

Exempt from Review

Record #: 4054
Date of Request: October 6, 2022
Facility Name: Wayne UNC Health Care
FID #: 933535
Business Name: Wayne UNC Health Care
Business #: 2734
Project Description: Renovate emergency room and 7th floor of hospital
County: Wayne

Dear Mr. Whitfield:

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,

Gregory F. Yakaboski, Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell, Chief

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

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October 3, 2022

Mr. Greg Yakaboski
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
809 Ruggles Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: Request for Exemption from Review to Renovate Existing Hospital

Dear Mr. Yakaboski:

UNC Health Wayne is planning a project to renovate the emergency department and the 7th floor of the hospital. UNC Health Wayne is submitting this exemption notice pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131E-184(g) and requesting the Agency confirm that the project is exempt from certificate of need review.

Under the provisions found at N.C.G.S. 131E-184(g), the CON law provides:

(g) The Department shall exempt from certificate of need review any capital expenditure that exceeds the two million dollar (\$2,000,000) 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.*
- (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 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.*

As set forth below, we believe that UNC Health Wayne's project meets these requirements and is exempt from certificate of need review.

The Sole Purpose

The proposed project includes renovation of the existing emergency department to create additional space in a secured unit to accommodate behavioral health patients. Currently, UNC Health Wayne operates a secure unit with 3 emergency department rooms and plans to expand the unit to add 12 rooms to accommodate the needs of behavioral health patients who present to the emergency department, which also will improve throughput for other emergency patients.



In addition, UNC Health Wayne plans to renovate the 7th floor of the hospital to create a 24-bed nursing unit with monitoring capabilities and respiratory accommodations via anterooms. During the COVID-19 pandemic, UNC Health Wayne consolidated its other nursing units to other floors of the hospital and utilized the 7th floor exclusively for COVID patients. Now, UNC Health Wayne intends to create a unit that will provide future flexibility in addressing patient needs for serious respiratory or other illnesses that may require monitoring or negative pressure/ante-room conditions.

The capital expenditure for the renovations is expected to total approximately \$18.4 million. Both the emergency department and 7th floor renovation will occur in UNC Health Wayne's main hospital building located at 2700 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534. (See attached line drawings.) The renovation will take place on the main campus as defined by N.C.G.S. 131E-176(14n). Specifically, the renovation will occur at the site of the main building from which the licensed health service facility UNC Health Wayne provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility.

As evident, the sole purpose of the project is to renovate and expand a portion of an existing health service facility on the main campus.

The Capital Expenditure Results

The proposed project will not result in a change in bed capacity as defined in N.C.G.S. 131E-176(5) nor the addition of a new institutional health service other than exceeding the capital expenditure threshold cited in N.C.G.S. 131E-176(16)b. UNC Health Wayne does not intend to change the number of licensed acute care beds as a result of this project. Aside from the capital expenditure, UNC Health Wayne does not propose to develop a new institutional health service, as the project involves the renovation and expansion of existing services. UNC Health Wayne does not propose a change in bed capacity, the addition of a new health service facility, or the acquisition of any major medical equipment.

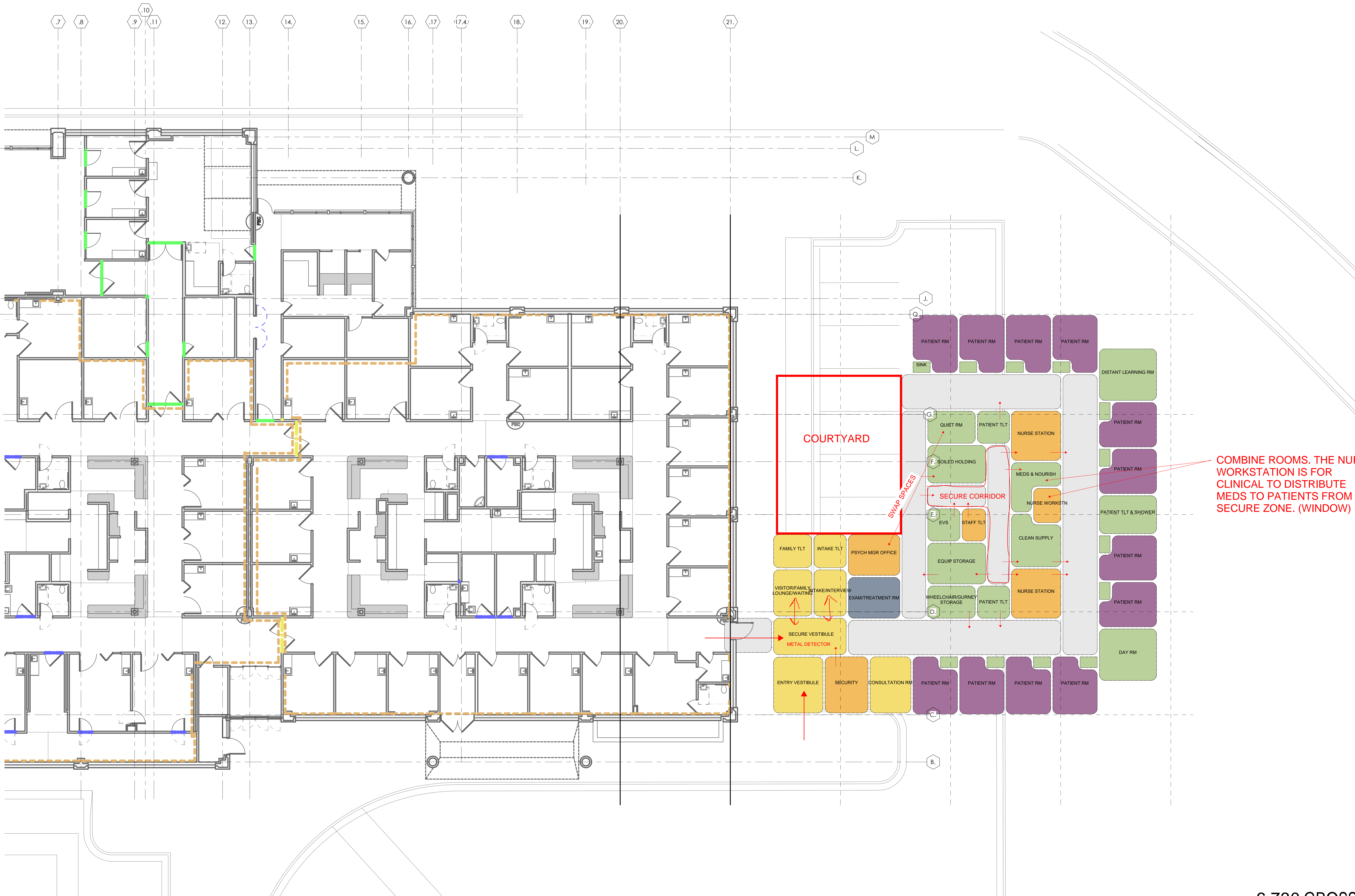
This letter serves as prior written notice of the project, as required by N.C.G.S. 131E-184(g)(3).

The hospital's Board of Directors has approved the proposed project for development, and UNC Health Wayne intends to initiate site preparation and construction by December 2022. Based on the above facts, we believe the proposed project is exempt from Certificate of Need review. We would appreciate timely confirmation accordingly from the Agency. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

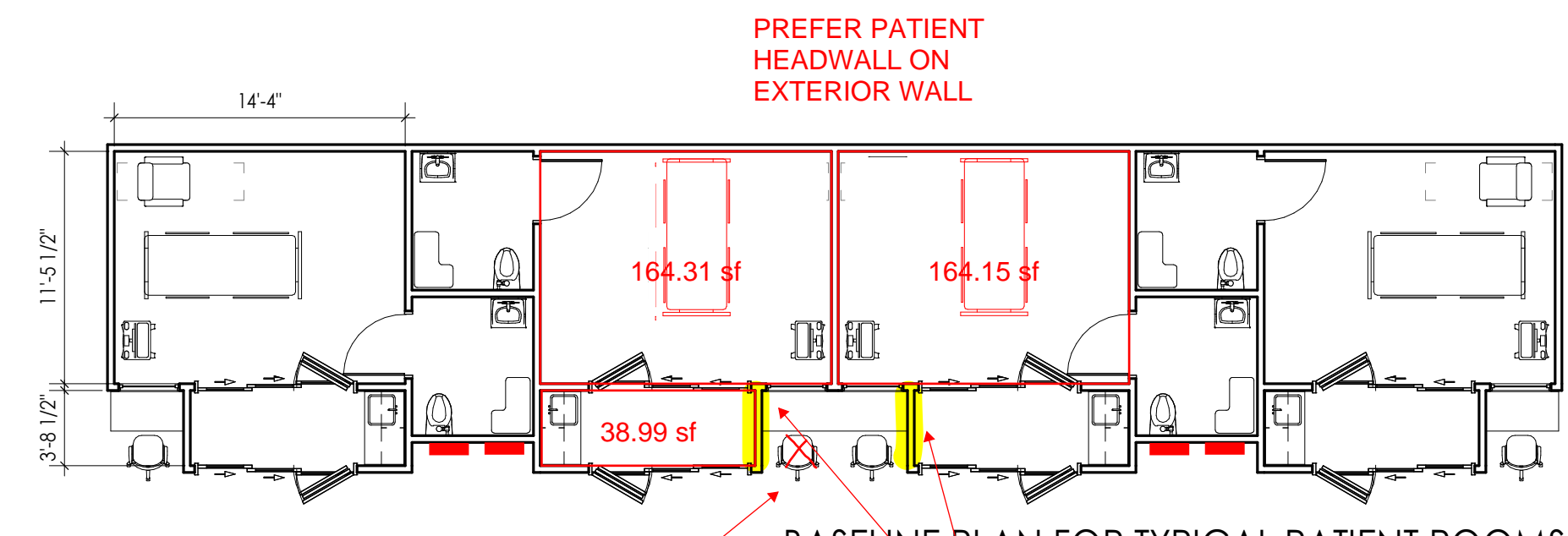
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Howard Whitfield, OT/L, MHA". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Howard Whitfield, OT/L, MHA
Vice President, Clinical Operations
UNC Health Wayne



COMBINE ROOMS. THE NURSE WORKSTATION IS FOR CLINICAL TO DISTRIBUTE MEDS TO PATIENTS FROM SECURE ZONE. (WINDOW)

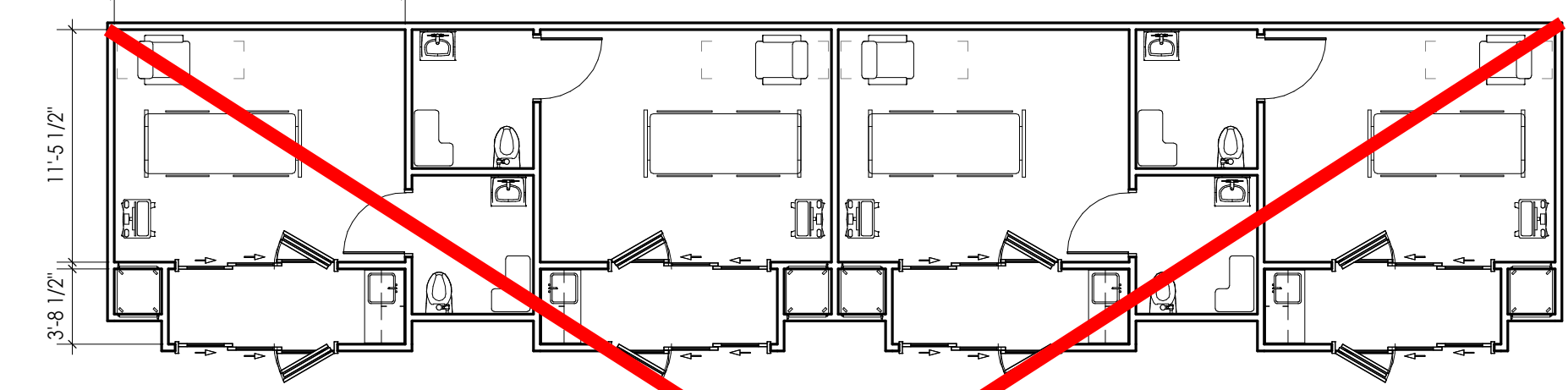
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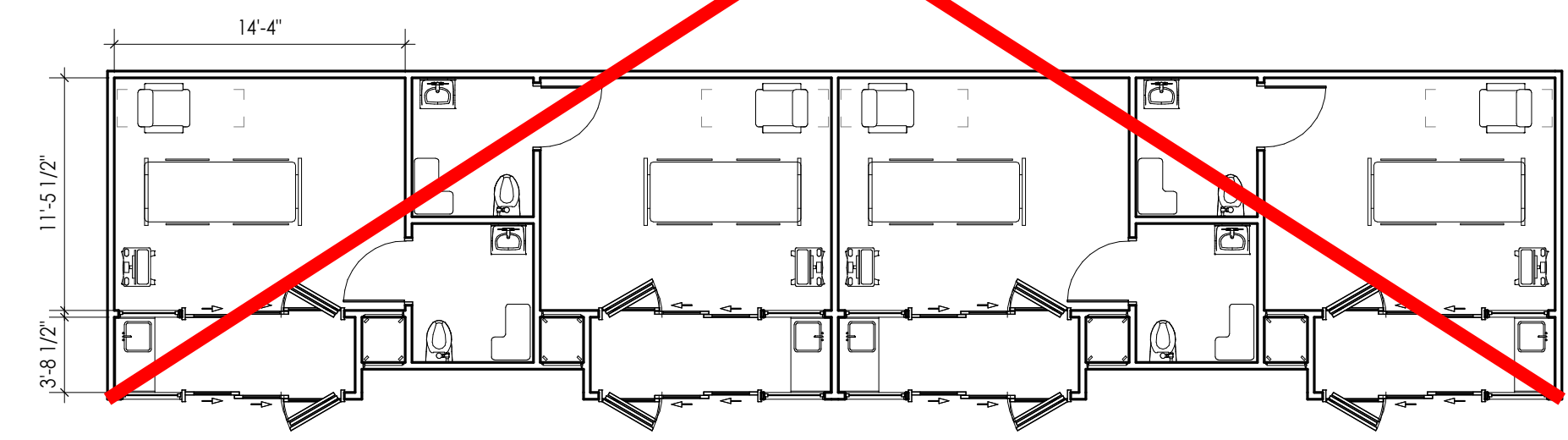
ONLY ONE SEAT NEEDED AND CAN MAKE SMALLER TO ADD BACK TO PATIENT ROOMS

BASELINE PLAN FOR TYPICAL PATIENT ROOMS WITH DIRECT OBSERVATION

SHOW GLAZING ON HIGHLIGHTED WALLS



VARIATION 1: NURSE SERVER AT HEADWALL



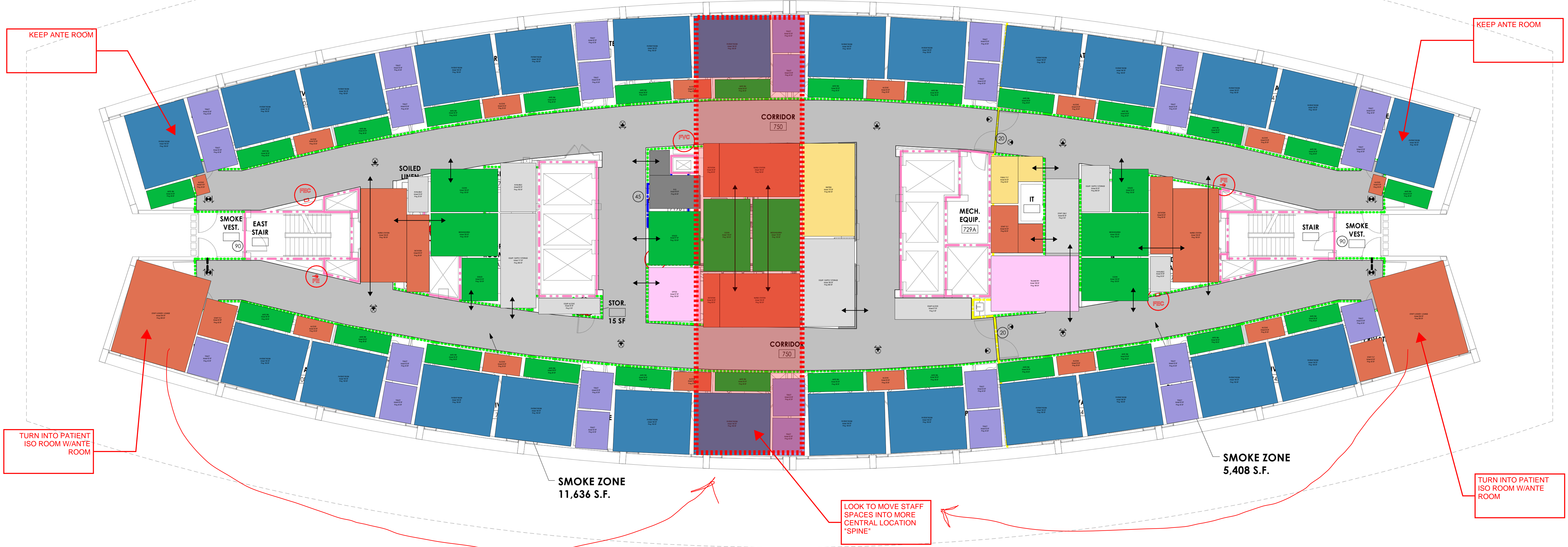
VARIATION 2: NURSE SERVER AT FOOTWALL

| SYMBOL LEGEND | |
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| | EXIT SIGN |
| | DOOR RATING IN MINUTES |
| | ROOM NAME |
| | ROOM NUMBER |
| | BIOHAZARD |
| | NON RATED SMOKE RESISTANT WALL PARTITION |
| | 1 HOUR RATED SMOKE BARRIER |
| | 1 HOUR RATED FIRE BARRIER |
| | 2 HOUR RATED FIRE BARRIER |
| | 2 HOUR RATED FIRE WALL |
| | SUITES |
| | EXIT ACCESS CORRIDOR |
| | FIRE EXTINGUISHER CABINET |

* BUILDING FULLY SPRINKLERED
CONSTRUCTION TYPE II (222)
BUILDING CODE SUMMARY:
- NCSBC 2012 Edition
- NFPA 101: Life Safety Code - 2012 Edition
- NC DHSR: Rules and Regulations - 1996
- DELAYED EGRESS - NFPA 7.2.1.6.1

SPECIAL LOCKING ARRANGEMENT - NCSBC 407.12 (2018)

PROGRAM ASSESSMENT:
- NEED FOR 2 STAFF OFFICES
- DEDICATED STAFF MEETING ROOM IS DESIRED (x10)
- 2 PHYS DICTATION AT EACH NURSE STATION. NURSE SPACE CAN BE REDUCED
- ONLY CORNER PATIENT ROOMS WILL HAVE ANTE ROOMS. ALL OTHER ROOMS WILL OMIT THEM FOR LARGER ROOM SIZE



1 SEVENTH FLOOR LIFE SAFETY PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"

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WAYNE UNC HEALTHCARE
SEVENTH FLOOR LIFE SAFETY PLAN
2700 WAYNE MEMORIAL DRIVE
GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

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| DATE | DRAWN | CHECKED |
| 01/14/2021 | RSP | AMC |
| SCALE | As indicated | |
| SHEET TITLE | | |
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| PROJECT NUMBER | XXXXXX |
| DRAWING NUMBER | G007 |

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From: [Waller, Martha K](#)
To: [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Exemption Notification for Wayne
Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022 4:13:17 PM
Attachments: [ED and 7th Floor Exemption Letters w Attachments 10.03.22.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

#2 for you !!!!!

Martha Waller

Administrative Specialist 1

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From: Yakaboski, Greg <greg.yakaboski@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 4:12 PM
To: Waller, Martha K <martha.waller@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Exemption Notification for Wayne

Hey Martha,

Just received this Exemption Request.

Thanks,
Greg

Sincerely,

Gregory F. Yakaboski

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Project Analyst

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Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:19 PM

To: Yakaboski, Greg <greg.yakaboski@dhhs.nc.gov>

Cc: Whitfield, Howard <Howard.Whitfield@unchealth.unc.edu>

Subject: [External] Exemption Notification for Wayne

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Greg,

On behalf of Wayne UNC Health Care, I am submitting this exemption notice regarding a planned renovation of the hospital's ED and 7th floor inpatient unit. Please let me know if you have any questions about this documentation. We look forward to your response.

Thanks much!

Dawn Carter | SENIOR PARTNER

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