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Exempt from Review

Facility: Duke University Health System d/b/a Duke University Hospital
Project Description: Installation of sprinkler system in the Wadsworth Eye Building
County: Durham
FID #: 943138

Dear Ms. Cummer:

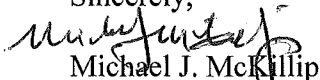
In response to your letter of September 23, 2013, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(1). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

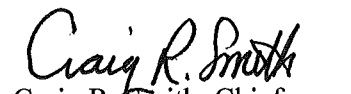
However, you need to contact the Construction Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

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 Certificate of Need Section. 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


Craig R. Smith, Chief
Certificate of Need Section

cc: Construction Section, DHSR



Certificate of Need Section

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September 23, 2013

Via Electronic Mail

Michael J. McKillip, Project Analyst
Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Re: Sprinkler Project at Duke University Hospital

Dear Mr. McKillip:

I am writing to notify you of a sprinkler project proposed by Duke University Health System ("Duke") and to request the Section's written confirmation that this project is exempt from certificate of need review. Duke is proposing to install sprinklers in the Wadsworth Eye Building located on the Duke University Hospital campus, which will cost more than \$2 million. Placing sprinklers in the facility will improve safety for all patients, visitors, and staff the Wadsworth Building. It also reduces the need for additional fire prevention modifications when a new Eye Clinic Building is constructed, as is currently planned.

We believe that this project is exempt from certificate of need review pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 131E-184 as a project "to provide parking, heating or cooling systems, elevators, or other basic plant or mechanical improvements" and/or "to eliminate or prevent imminent safety hazards as defined in federal, State, or local fire, building or life safety codes or regulations." No other new institutional health services will be included in this project.

We would appreciate your review of this request and confirmation of our understanding. Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can provide you any further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Catharine W. Cummer'.

Catharine W. Cummer

Evans, Stephanie

From: Mckillip, Mike
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2013 1:38 PM
To: Evans, Stephanie
Subject: FW: But wait, there's more!
Attachments: Planning_20130923_113658.pdf

Hi Stephanie,

Attached is another exemption request from our friends at Duke. Thanks.

Mike

Michael McKillip
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-----Original Message-----

From: Catharine Cummer [<mailto:catharine.cummer@duke.edu>]
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2013 11:44 AM
To: Mckillip, Mike
Subject: But wait, there's more!

For a limited time, Duke is offering 2 exemption notices for the price of just one! (Second request attached.)

Seriously, thanks for your attention to these requests, and let me know if you need anything further from us. Thanks!

Catharine

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