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## **VIA EMAIL ONLY**

April 21, 2022

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**Exempt from Review** 

Record #: 3881

Date of Request: March 28, 2022

Facility Name: The Outer Banks Hospital, Inc.

FID #: 980550

Business Name: The Outer Banks Hospital, Inc.

Business #: 1822

Project Description: Co-locate existing hospital cancer services by constructing addition to radiation therapy

center on main campus

County: Dare

Dear Mr. Shovelin:

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

Micheala Mitchell Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR

Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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March 25, 2022

Mr. Greg Yakaboski Certificate of Need Section Division of Health Service Regulation NC Department of Health and Human Services 2704 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

RE: Request for Exemption Pursuant to G.S. 131E-184(g) / The Outer Banks Hospital, Incorporated / Existing Hospital-based Cancer Services Co-locating In Newly-Constructed Cancer Center on Hospital Campus / Dare / FID #: 980550

Dear Mr. Yakaboski:

The Outer Banks Hospital, Incorporated (TOBH) plans to co-locate existing, hospital-based cancer services in a newly constructed center. The 10,801 square foot building is a new addition to the recently developed radiation therapy center across the street from the main hospital (CON Project ID #: R-11358-17). Currently, appointments and chemotherapy are provided at TOBH's medical office building at the rear of the main hospital building. However, radiation therapy is provided at the center, referenced above, across the street from the hospital. It was determined that the best provision of cancer care could only be achieved through the co-location of all hospital-based services. The newly constructed space will provide 10 infusion bays and 4 exam rooms relocated attached to the existing radiation therapy center.

Currently, patients who might need multiple treatment modalities need to visit 2 locations. There is no shared parking between the 2 existing locations, and there is a major thoroughfare between them. It's also understood that the 2 separate locations could be confusing to patients. The 2019 Dare County Community Health Needs Assessment demonstrated that cancer is the leading cause of death in Dare County, and TOBH has been committed to addressing this significant health concern for local residents. Co-locating all existing cancer services into a single, state-of-the-art facility is the next step in that effort.

The total capital cost of the proposed project is estimated at \$12,268,828, with \$1,720,000 in land acquisition costs, \$9,673,828 in design and construction costs, \$300,000 for non-medical minor equipment and furniture, and \$575,000 in IS, security, biomed and signage costs. Reference the attached capital cost estimate. The project is expected to be completed by October 2023. Even though the project exceeds \$2,000,000, TOBH believes that the proposed project is not subject to review under North Carolina's Certificate of Need (CON) laws. TOBH's proposed project meets the requirements found in G.S. 131E-184(g). This statute states:

- (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 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.

## Specifically:

- a) TOBH is an existing health service facility. Reference a copy of the hospital's current license attached to this letter.
- b) The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to construct space that is located on the main campus. Reference the attached floor and site plans. The site plan shows that the new construction is 189.3 yards from the main building, satisfying G.S. 131E-176(14n)b. Also reference the attached letter from Ronnie Sloan, President of TOBH, certifying financial and administrative control of the entire licensed health service facility is exercised at the site of the proposed construction. This document satisfies G.S. 131E-176(14n)a.
- c) The project does not result in a change (increase or decrease) in bed capacity, nor does the project result in the addition of any other new institutional health service facilities or services. TOBH currently provides these cancer services as part of its normal compliment and will continue to do so following completion of the proposed project.
- d) By this letter, TOBH is providing prior written notice to the Department, along with supporting documentation, to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria of this subsection.

TOBH believes its proposal meets the requirements identified above, and is therefore exempt from review. Therefore, TOBH requests approval of a no review status for the proposed project. If you require additional information or clarification, please contact me at (252) 847-3631.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Shovelin

VP of Business Planning and Strategy, Vidant Health

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Capital Cost Sheet			
TOBH Cancer Center			
Catergory	Total Cost		
Building Purchase Price	\$ -		
Purchase Price of Land	\$ 1,720,000		
Closing Costs	\$ -		
Site Preparation	\$ 52,500		
Construction/Renovation Contract(s)	\$ 8,607,116		
Testing	\$ 101,655		
Landscaping	\$ 204,000		
Signage	\$ 150,000		
Architect / Engineering Fees	\$ 708,557		
Medical Equipment			
CT Scanner - Base (w/o \$2,000 trade in)			
Additional Options			
Non Medical Equipment	\$ 100,000		
Furniture	\$ 200,000		
IT Cost	\$ 300,000		
Bio-Med (Nurse Call)	\$ 75,000		
Security Cameras, Card Readers	\$ 50,000		
Consultant Fees (specify)			
Financing Costs	\$ -		
Interest during Construction	\$ -		
Other (DHSR Review Fee)		_	
Other (Rent - Mobile CT Unit During Install)			
Total Capital Cost	\$ 12,268,828		

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Effective January 01, 2022, this license is issued to

The Outer Banks Hospital, Inc.

to operate a hospital known as

The Outer Banks Hospital, Inc.

located in Nags Head, North Carolina, Dare County.

This license is issued subject to the statutes of the State of North Carolina, is not transferable and shall remain in effect until amended by the issuing agency.

> Facility ID: 980550

License Number: H0273

Bed Capacity: 21

General Acute 21

**Dedicated Inpatient Surgical Operating Rooms:** 

**Dedicated Ambulatory Surgical Operating Rooms:** 

**Shared Surgical Operating Rooms:** 

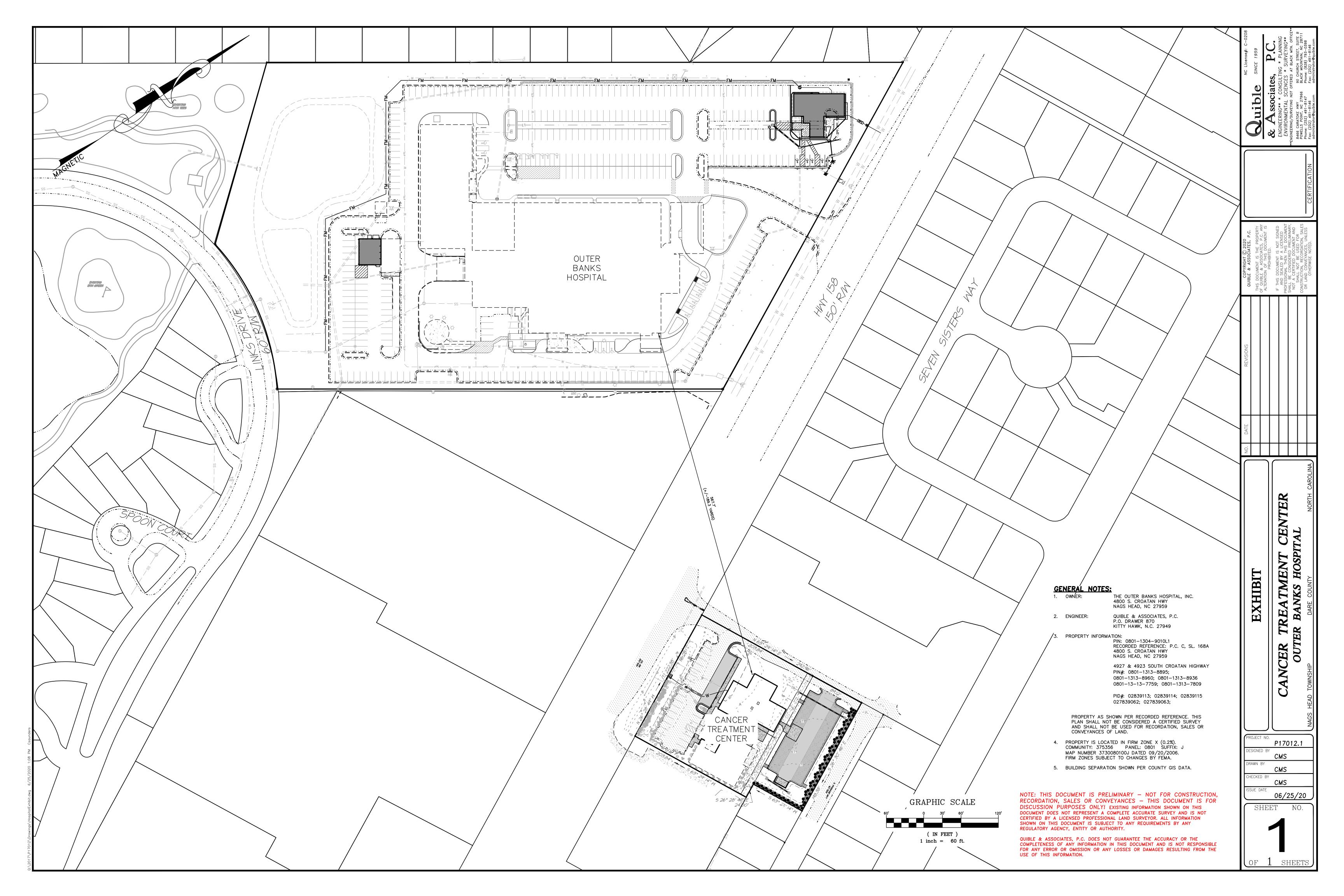
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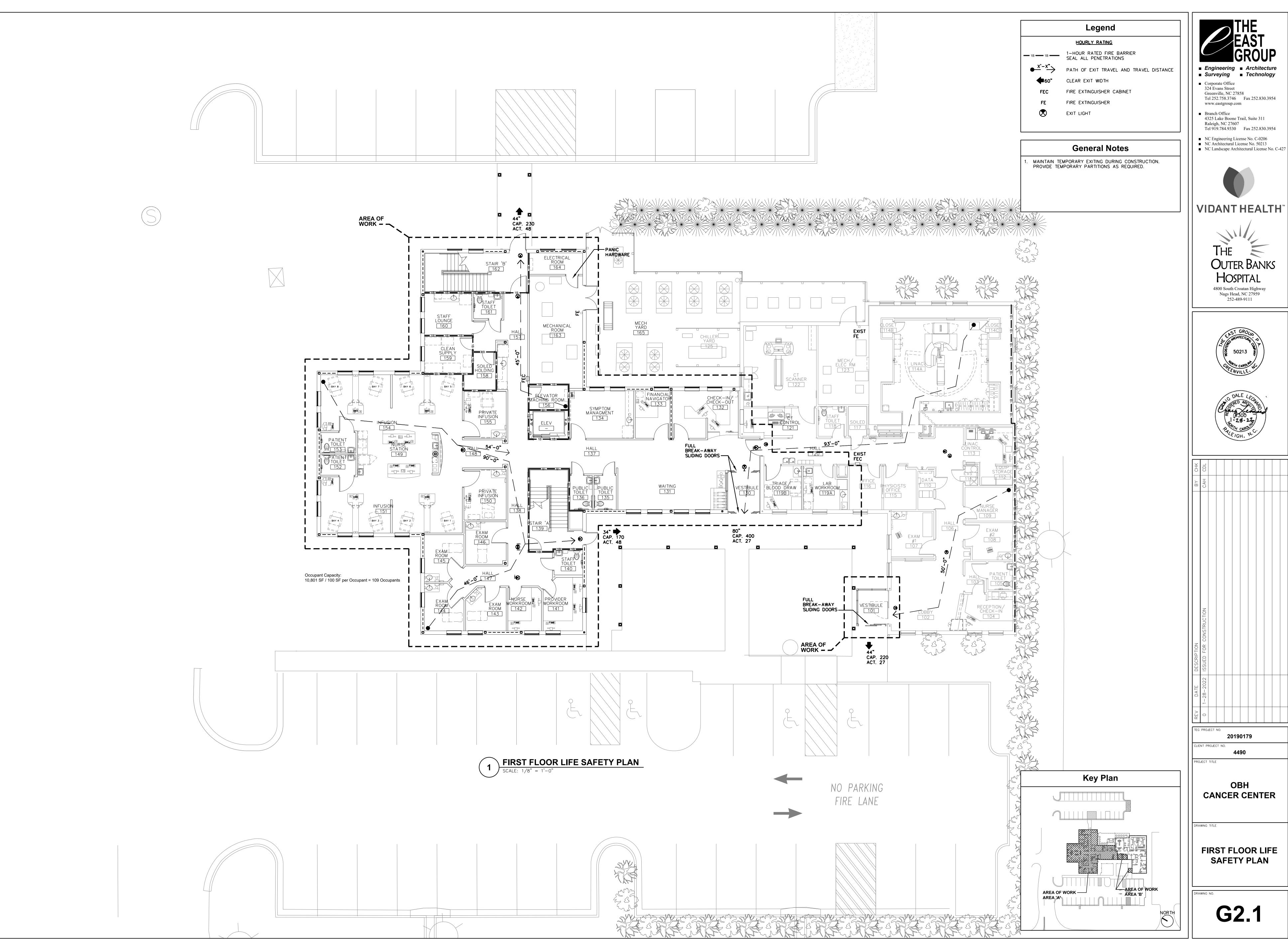
**Dedicated Endoscopy Rooms:** 

Authorized, by:

Secretary, N.C. Department of Health and **Human Services** 

Director, Division of Health Service Regulation







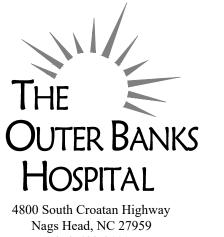
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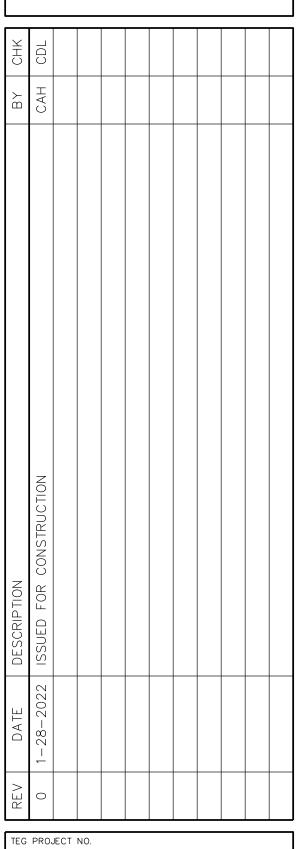


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Dear Mr. Yakaboski:

Please accept this letter as documentation that I, Ronnie Sloan, President of The Outer Banks Hospital, Incorporated (TOBH), do hereby certify, as it relates to the proposed project, that:

- 1. Financial control of the entire licensed health service facility is exercised at the site of the proposed renovations and/or construction, and
- 2. Administrative control of the entire licensed health service facility is exercised at the site of the proposed renovations and/or construction.

If you require additional information or clarification, please contact Jeff Shovelin, VP of Business Planning and Strategy for Vidant Health at (252) 847-3631. Thank you for your time and attention to this important project.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Sloan President

The Outer Banks Hospital, Incorporated

 From:
 Lentz, Samuel

 To:
 Waller, Martha K

 Cc:
 Shovelin, Jeffrey

Subject: [External] TOBH Letter of No Review Date: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:47:29 AM

Attachments: Final Letter Filed.pdf

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Martha,

Please see the attached Letter of No Review related to the relocation of hospital-based cancer services into a newly-constructed space on The Outer Banks Hospital campus.

If you all have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you, Sam

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