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August 26, 2022

Andrea Gymer
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Exempt from Review

Record #:

Date of Request: August 24, 2022
Facility Name: Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center
FID #: 060857
Business Name: Novant Health, Inc.
Business #: 1341
Project Description: Expand the emergency department and create ancillary spaces
County: Mecklenburg

Dear Ms. Gymer:

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,

Julie M. Faenza, Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell, Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
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**Re: Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center
Notice of Exemption for Emergency Department Expansion
Charlotte, North Carolina (FID # 060857; Mecklenburg County)**

Dear Ms. Faenza:

This letter serves as notice of Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center's ("NH Mint Hill") intention to expand its existing Emergency Department. Located on the First Floor of the hospital, this project will double the size of the emergency department and add nineteen (19) new treatment bays which will include two trauma rooms, 13 treatment rooms, and 4 behavioral health rooms. In addition to the new treatment rooms, a hybrid space will be created for radiology and cardiology procedures. The mobile pad will be relocated and expanded and there will be additional renovations to the existing waiting rooms and support spaces.

As part of this project, new space will be created on the Ground Floor underneath the Emergency Department as part of the expansion. This area will encompass new mechanical and plant engineering space, support space for the PET/MRI Department, new classrooms, and office and lounge space. Once completed, the expansion will add 44,000 square feet to the existing facility.

The Emergency Department expansion is estimated cost \$35 million and the project is expected to be completed by the last quarter of 2024.

See Attachment A for a campus map indicating the emergency room area. Attachment B shows the floorplan of the existing emergency department on the First Floor and the existing Ground Floor. Attachment C shows the plans for the new First Floor Emergency Department and the new Ground Floor.

The Emergency Department expansion project will address capacity constraints and reduce waiting times. Patient flow will be greatly improved once the project is complete. The need for additional PET/MRI support space and to accommodate future basement needs is also addressed. This project will not increase the number of licensed beds or other regulated assets. NH Mint Hill will file a certificate of need application for any additional new institutional health services that would be developed.

Pursuant to N.C. G. S. §131E-184 (g), "[t]he 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."*

N.C. G. S. §131E-176(14n) states, "" *Main campus means all of the following for the purposes of G.S. 131E-184(f) and (g) only:*

- a. *The site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility, including the buildings and grounds adjacent to that main building.*
- b. *Other areas and structures that are not strictly contiguous to the main building but are located within 250 yards of the main building."*

The NH Mint Hill Emergency Department project meets each of the applicable conditions set forth above:

- The estimated capital cost of the project exceeds \$2,000,000.
- The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to expand an existing health service facility, NH Mint Hill, on the main campus located at 8201 Healthcare Loop, Charlotte, NC 28215. As indicated in the attachments, the project involves the existing Emergency Department area of the existing main hospital building.
- The capital expenditure will not result in a change in bed capacity or the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed by G.S. § 131E-176(16)(b).
- This letter constitutes the required prior written notice.
- NH Mint Hill provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control from its location detailed above. The NH Mint Hill's President, Joy Greear's office is located on the main floor of the hospital in Administration.

Based on the foregoing, we respectfully request that the CON Section issue written confirmation that this project is exempt from Certificate of Need under N.C.G.S § 131E-184(g). If you have any questions about this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Andrea Gymer
Vice President, Strategic and Business Planning
Novant Health, Inc.

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT A

Campus map

Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center

8201 Healthcare Loop
Mint Hill, NC 28215
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ATTACHMENT B

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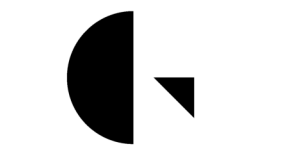
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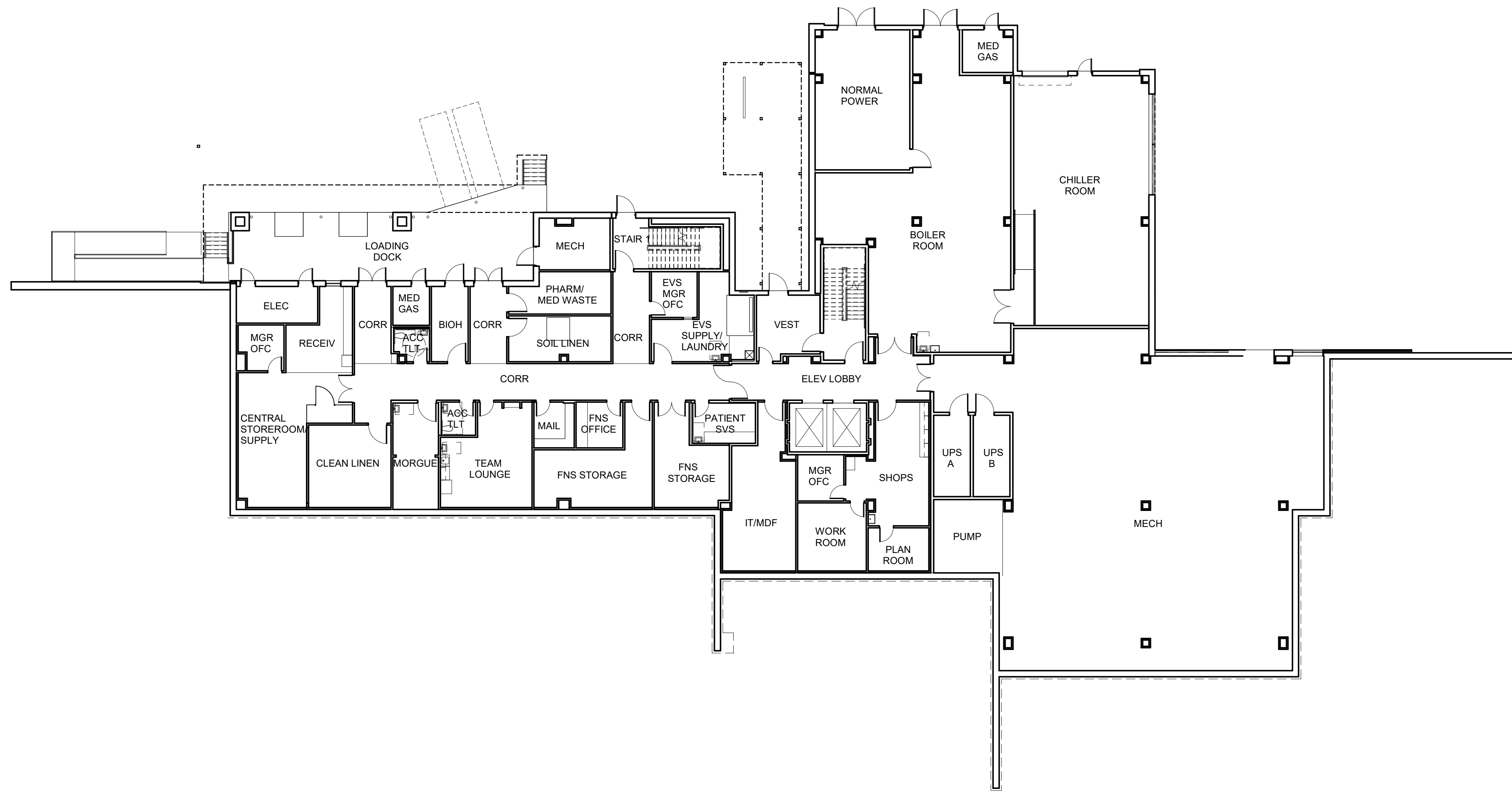
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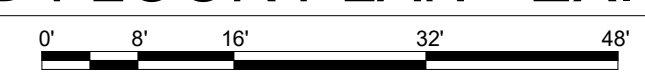
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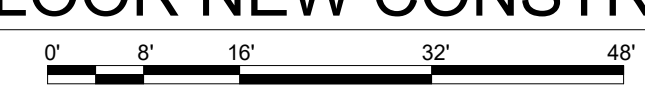
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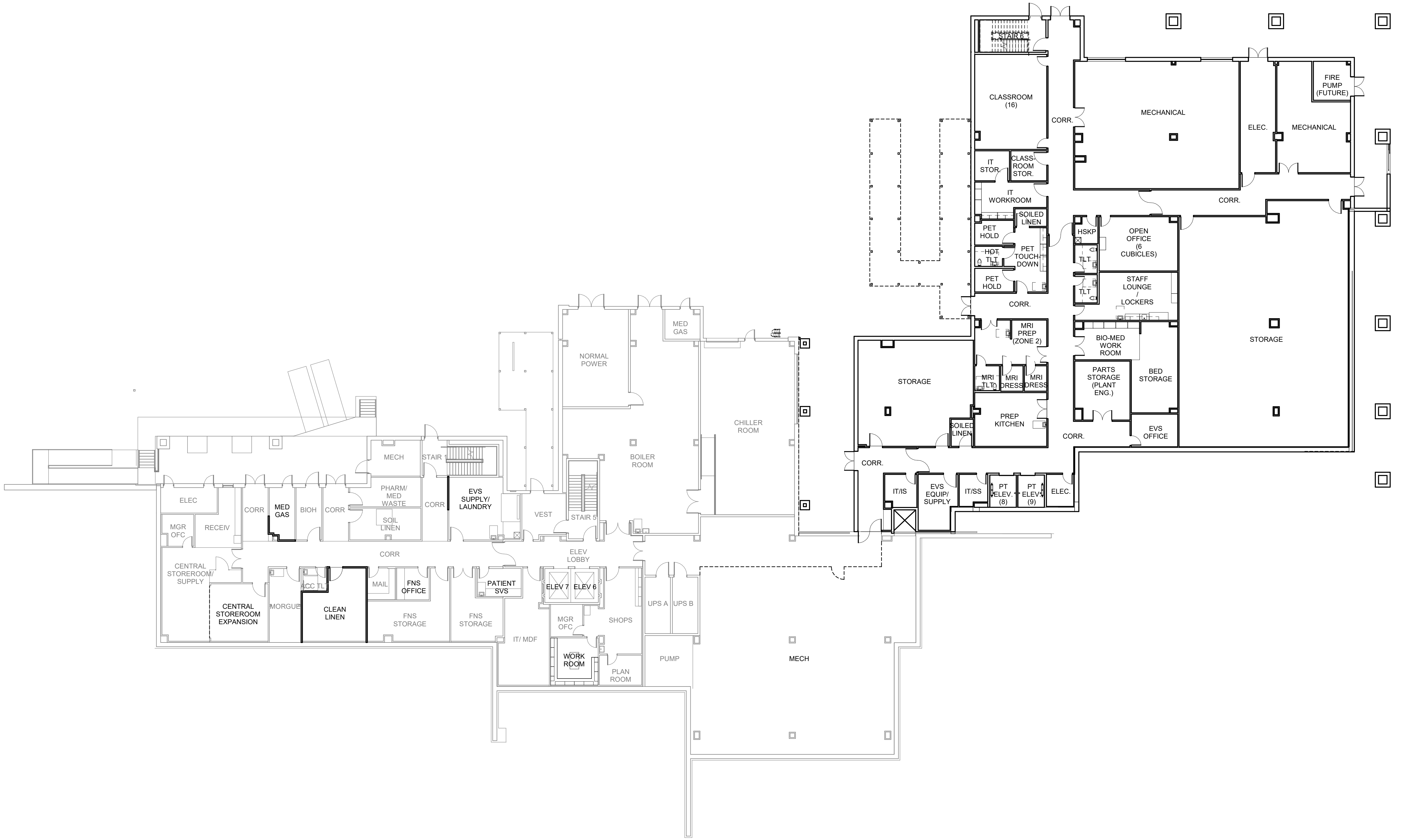


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Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 11:44:40 AM
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Julie M. Faenza, Esq.

Pronouns: She/her/hers

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Good morning, Julie,

Attached is an exemption notice regarding an Emergency Department expansion at Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center. Please let me know if you have questions or need more information.

Thank you,

Lisa Griffin

Manager, Strategic Planning

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