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VIA EMAIL ONLY

January 29, 2026

Elizabeth Kirkman

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Exempt from Review

Record #: 5071
Date of Request: January 15, 2026
Facility Name: Atrium Health Cabarrus
FID #: 943049
Business Name: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority
Business #: 1770
Project Description: Develop an additional floor on the new patient tower on the main campus
County: Cabarrus

Dear Ms. Kirkman:

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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January 14, 2025

Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
1915 Health Services Way
Raleigh, NC 27699

RE: Exemption Request for The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Atrium Health Cabarrus to Construct an Additional Floor in the CON-Exempt New Patient Tower on the Main Campus

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Please accept this letter as notification of The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority's ("CMHA's") intent to construct an additional floor -- level 06 -- within the CON-exempt new patient tower that will be constructed on the main campus of Atrium Health Cabarrus ("AH Cabarrus") located at 920 Church Street North, Concord, NC 28025. Please see Attachment A for a copy of the previously approved exemption request for the construction of the new patient tower ("2025 Exemption Request"). As identified in the 2025 Exemption Request, AH Cabarrus was previously approved to construct a five-story patient tower (plus a basement) on its main campus, adjacent and connected to the existing hospital building. The currently proposed project involves the construction of an additional floor – level 06 – within the new patient tower with 48 observation beds as well as necessary ancillary and support space. The total capital cost of the proposed project is estimated to exceed \$4,138,000.

Under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131 E-184(g), the Certificate of Need law provides that an applicant's proposal to replace or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility on the same main campus site that exceeds the \$4,000,000¹ threshold set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16b) is nonetheless exempt from review 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 N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)b; and
- (3) the licensed health service facility proposing to incur the capital expenditure provides prior written notice to the Department, along with supporting documentation to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131 E-184(g).

Further, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(14n), "main campus" as referenced in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g), means the following:

- 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.

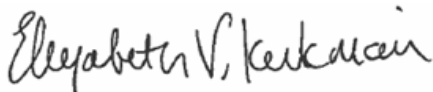
¹ The current cost threshold amount is \$4,138,000.

The proposed project meets each of the applicable conditions set forth above.

- The estimated capital cost of the project exceeds \$4,138,000.
- The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to expand an existing health service facility (AH Cabarrus) on the main campus, which is located at 920 Church Street North, Concord, NC 28025. Please see the site plan included in Attachment B. The CON-exempt new patient tower, which is the location of the project proposed in this exemption request, will be constructed on the main campus, adjacent and connected to the existing hospital building. AH Cabarrus' Facility Executive's office is currently located on the first floor of the existing hospital building and is the site from which AH Cabarrus provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility (please see Attachment C for a copy of AH Cabarrus' hospital license).
- The proposed project will not result in a change in bed capacity (increase or decrease) as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(5) or the addition of a health service facility or a new institutional health service other than that allowed in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16b). The project will not increase the number of operating rooms or gastrointestinal rooms. The project will not result in the acquisition of major medical equipment, or the offering of health services not currently provided.
- This letter constitutes the required prior written notice under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131 E-184(g)(3).

Based on the above facts, this project is exempt from Certificate of Need review. We are requesting that you please confirm in writing that the proposed project to construct a 6th floor in the CON-exempt new patient tower on the main campus of AH Cabarrus is exempt from Certificate of Need review and that CMHA may proceed as planned with this project.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth V. Kirkman
AVP, Core Market Growth Business Development

Attachment A



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CORRECTION

February 13, 2025

Elizabeth Kirkman

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Exempt from Review

Record #: 4709
Date of Request: January 14, 2025
Facility Name: Atrium Health Cabarrus
FID #: 943049
Business Name: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority
Business #: 1770
Project Description: Develop a new patient tower on the main campus
County: Cabarrus

Dear Ms. Kirkman:

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January 13, 2025

Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
809 Ruggles Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: Exemption Request for The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Atrium Health Cabarrus to Develop a New Patient Tower on the Main Campus

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Please accept this letter as notification of The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority's (CMHA's) intent to construct a new patient tower on Atrium Health Cabarrus' (AH Cabarrus) main campus pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g). CMHA intends to construct a five-story patient tower (plus a basement) on AH Cabarrus' main campus located at 920 Church Street North, Concord, NC 28025. The site plan included in Attachment A shows the location of the proposed patient tower in purple, as well as the existing hospital facility (shown in yellow). As indicated on the site plan, the new patient tower will be developed adjacent and connected to the existing hospital building. Prior to the construction of the new patient tower, necessary infrastructure work, such as the relocation of emergency power and the reconfiguration of air intake for the existing building, will be completed. As part of this project, there will also be expansion/relocation of existing ancillary and support services, including laboratory, pharmacy and dietary services as well as administrative office space. The helipad will also be relocated. This project also includes the construction of additional parking and an expansion of the central energy plant, both of which are exempt pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(a)(4). The total capital cost of the proposed project is estimated to exceed \$4,119,200. The new patient tower is planned as follows:

- Basement – Shell
- Level 01 – Emergency Department and Public Space
- Level 02 – Public Space and Shell
- Level 03 – Shell
- Level 04 – Shell
- Level 05 – Mechanical

Please note that the proposed services detailed above are all replacement and/or relocated services as well as shell space.

Under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131 E-184(g), the Certificate of Need law provides that an applicant's proposal to replace or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility on the same main campus site that exceeds the \$4,000,000¹ threshold set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16b) is nonetheless exempt from review if all of the following conditions are met:

¹ The current cost threshold amount is \$4,119,200.

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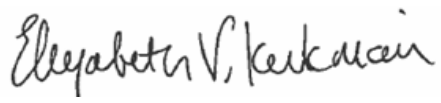
- a. The site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility, including the buildings and grounds adjacent to that main building.
- b. Other areas and structures that are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

The AH Cabarrus new patient tower project meets each of the applicable conditions set forth above.

- The estimated capital cost of the project exceeds \$4,119,200.
- The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to expand an existing health service facility (AH Cabarrus) on the main campus, which is located at 920 Church Street North, Concord, NC 28025. Please see the site plan included in Attachment A. The proposed patient tower will be located on the main campus, which is the site from which AH Cabarrus provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility (please see Attachment B for a copy of AH Cabarrus’ hospital license). AH Cabarrus’ Facility Executive’s office is currently located on the first floor of the main hospital building.
- The proposed project will not result in a change in bed capacity (increase or decrease) as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(5) or the addition of a health service facility or a new institutional health service other than that allowed in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16b). The project will not increase the number of operating rooms or gastrointestinal rooms. The project will not result in the acquisition of major medical equipment, or the offering of health services not currently provided.
- This letter constitutes the required prior written notice under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131 E-184(g)(3).

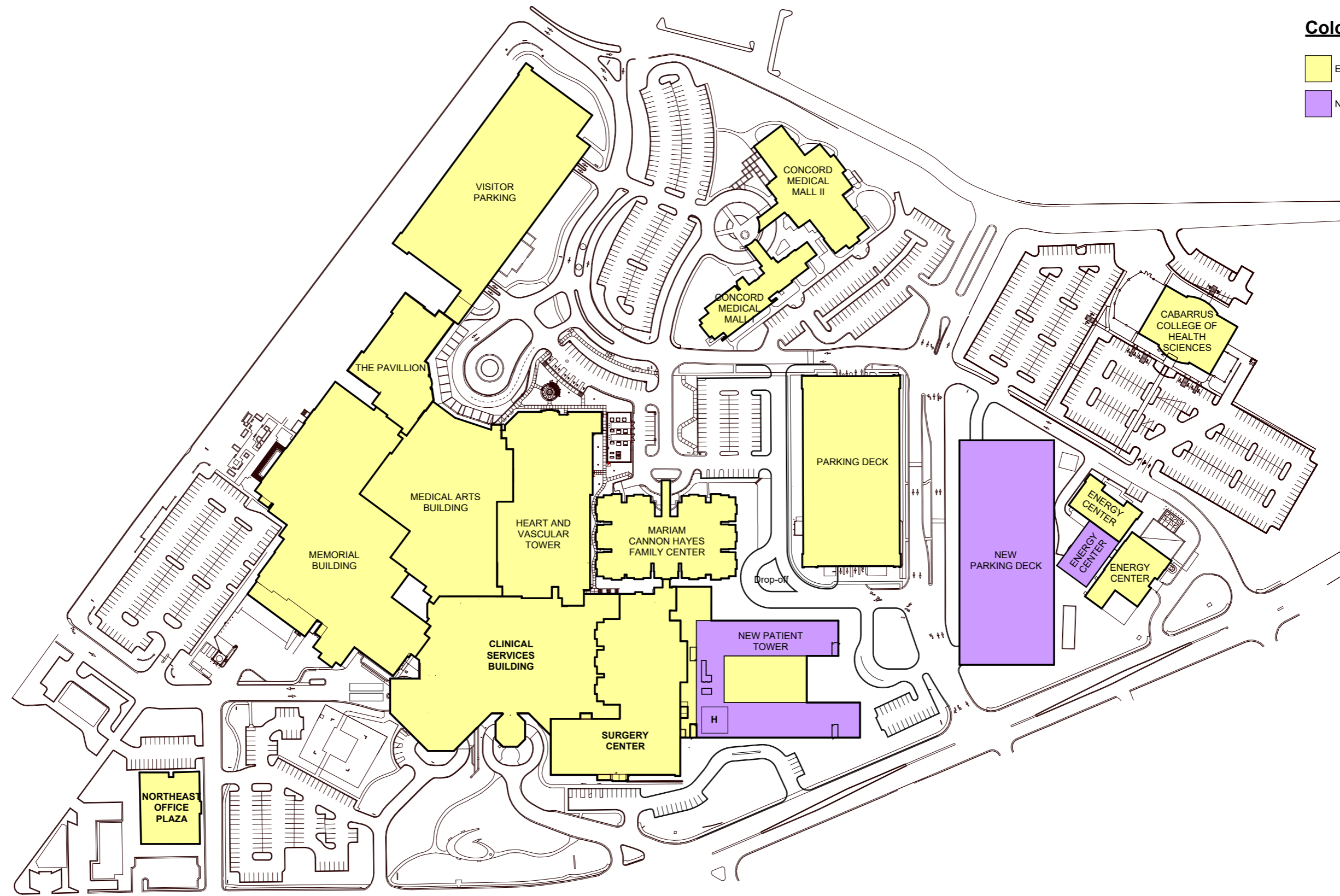
Based on the above facts, the project is exempt from Certificate of Need review. We are requesting that you please confirm in writing that AH Cabarrus’ new patient tower project and associated expansion/relocation of ancillary and support services is exempt from Certificate of Need review and that CMHA may proceed as planned with this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth V. Kirkman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Elizabeth Kirkman
Assistant Vice President
Core Market Growth Business Development

Attachment A



Color Key

- EXISTING BUILDING
- NEW CONSTRUCTION

SITE PLAN

Atrium Health

01.10.2025

EXEMPTION REQUEST

Atrium Health Cabarrus



Attachment B

State of North Carolina

Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Service Regulation

Effective January 1, 2024, this license is issued to

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority

to operate a hospital known as

Atrium Health Cabarrus

located at Concord, NC, Cabarrus 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: 943049

License Number: H0031

Bed Capacity: 457

General Acute: **447** Psych: **10**

Dedicated Inpatient Surgical Operating Rooms: **4**

Shared Surgical Operating Rooms: **15**

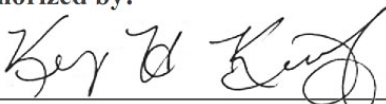
Dedicated Ambulatory Surgical Operating Rooms: **0**

Dedicated Endoscopy Rooms: **6**

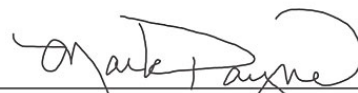
License Categories:

.1100 Partial Hospitalization, .3500 Outpatient Facilities, .5200 Dedicated Inpatient Unit for mental disorders,

Authorized by:



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



Director, Division of Health Service Regulation

From: [Huber, Brighid K](#)
To: [Yakaboski, Greg](#); [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)
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Good afternoon,

I hope you both had a nice weekend. Please find attached an exemption request submitted by The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority (“CMHA”) d/b/a Atrium Health Cabarrus to develop a new patient tower on the main campus.

Thank you,

Brighid

Brighid Knoll Huber, MHA, ATC

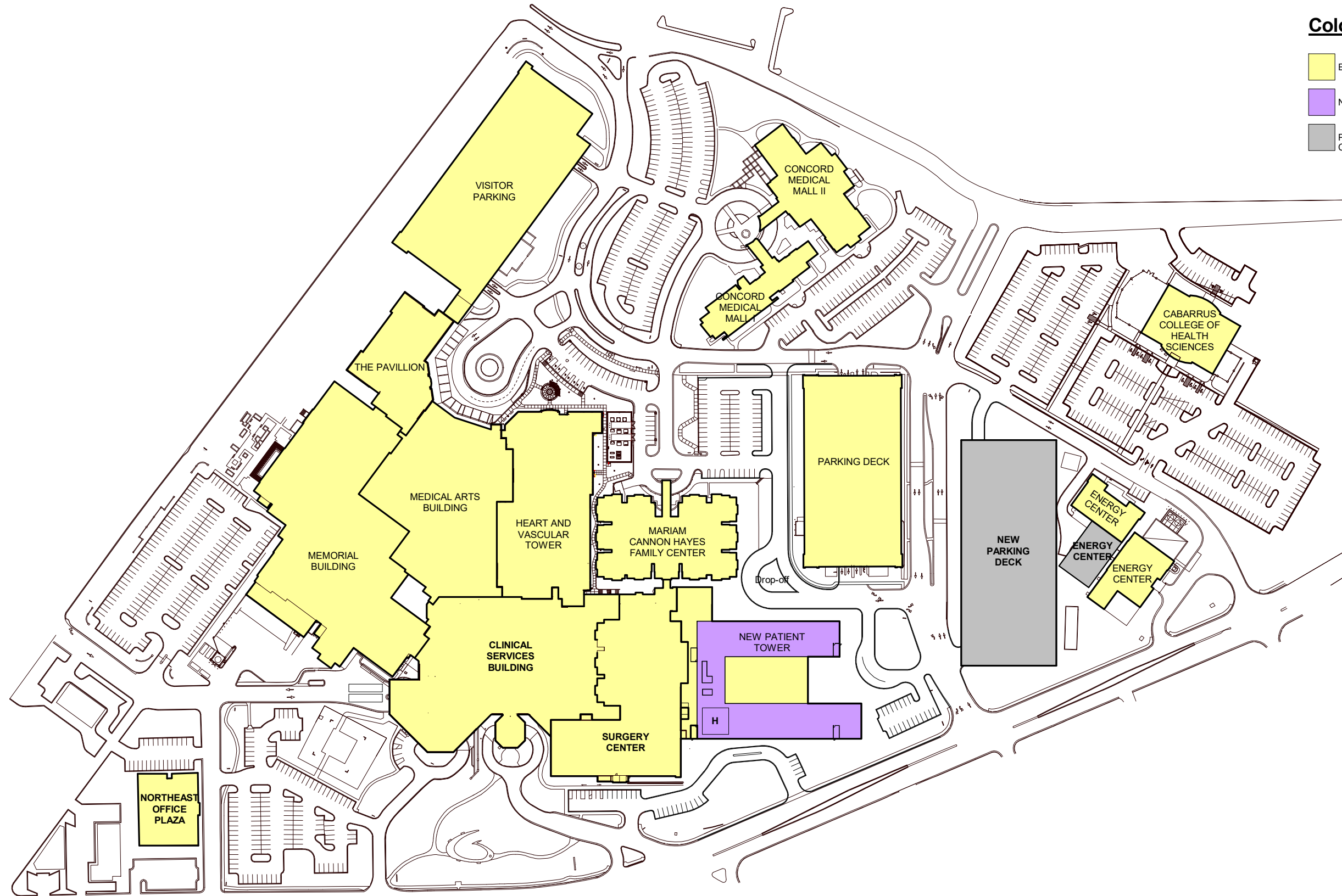
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Attachment B



Color Key

- EXISTING BUILDING
- NEW CONSTRUCTION
- PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SITE PLAN

Atrium Health

01.09.2026

EXEMPTION REQUEST

Atrium Health Cabarrus



Attachment C

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Division of Health Service Regulation

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Dedicated Endoscopy Rooms: 6

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Director, Division of Health Service Regulation

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Thank you,

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Brighid Knoll Huber, MHA, ATC

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