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May 24, 2002

Town of Chapel Hill
Attn: J.B. Culpepper, Development Coordinator
306 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

**Re: Presque Isle - Special Use Permit - Request for extension of completion time limit
(File No. 26..42)**

Dear Ms. Culpepper,

Please accept this letter as our formal request for an extension of the completion time for the Presque Isle development. Please note that the Special Use Permit required construction to be completed by June 23, 2000, and that we have been granted a twelve month extension for this date on 5/12/00 by the Town Manager, and another extension on 6/25/01 as approved by the Town Council.

The extension granted by the Town Council on 6/25/01 extended our completion time limit through June 23, 2002. However, we require another one (1) year extension to this date, and request that you note the following in our satisfying of Section 18.6.3 of the Chapel Hill Development Ordinance. First, this written request is submitted within 60 days of the current completion date (June 23, 2002).

Second, we have proceeded with due diligence and good faith. In this regard, please note that the majority of the site work has been completed (including utilities, clearing, grading, widening of Erwin Road, paving, brick privacy/buffer wall, landscaping, signs, and lighting). Furthermore, construction is completed on the first two buildings (Buildings # 100, and #500), as well as the clubhouse and recreational facilities. We are now well under way in constructing the third building (Building #400), with a C.O. target date of August, 2002. In addition, we are progressing on the detention pond/water feature at the corner of Sage and Erwin. We expect to complete this attractive feature by mid-summer, weather conditions permitting. Finally, the foundations and garage slabs for the two remaining buildings (Buildings #300, and #200) have been put in.

Third, we believe that conditions have not changed substantially as to warrant Council reconsideration of the development. As expressed by our request for an extension last year, it is our hope that the Town of Chapel Hill views the Presque Isle as a positive contributing factor in the development and improvement of this part of town.

Thank you, and please call me at any time if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely yours,


E. Hani Fakhoury
Director