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Katie Pereny, Secretary
Historic District Commission
City of Mackinac Island
Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Re: **SHEPLER'S FERRY DOCK SECURITY & TRACKING EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION**
Market and Main Historic District
Design Review

Dear Ms. Pereny:

I have reviewed the proposal to install RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification) security and tracking equipment at the Shepler Ferry dock at 7431 Main Street, in the Market and Main Historic District. The Shepler Ferry Dock is a Contributing resource in the district.

An RFID unit (8 feet tall x 15 inches wide x 4 inches deep) would be installed at four locations on the Dock: entry to the dock at the bottom of the concrete ramp, and at the three boarding / de-boarding locations on the dock. An RFID tag would be placed on each item being shipped, and the equipment would keep track of all items passing by any locations.

Under **Standard 2**, the historic character of the property would be retained and preserved. Certainly this equipment would stand in contrast to, and understood by the modern traveler in this day and age to be a necessary accoutrement to, the historic ambiance of the ferry travel experience. The HDC should discuss standard color options and the possibility to paint units.

The proposed installations would be functionally appropriate to the Shepler's Ferry Dock, and would be compatible with the Market and Main Historic District. As such, I believe the Standards for review are met.

Sincerely,

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