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April 7, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Sonya Allen, Associate City Planner

CC: City Attorney, City Clerk

RE: Chick-fil-A – CR-2025-0001 – 2012 N. Eagle Rd.

The Applicant submitted a Certificate of Zoning Compliance and Design Review application (A-2024-0082) to change the configuration of the existing drive-through by replacing the escape lane with an additional queuing/stacking lane and adding a new escape lane after the service window. Per UDC 11-4-3-11C.4, an escape lane is required to be provided for any stacking lane greater than 100 feet in length.

Although an escape lane was proposed, the request was denied by the Director because it doesn't comply with the intended purpose of the requirement, which is to provide a clear travel lane for vehicles to bypass the stacking lane and exit the drive-through before reaching the service window. A situation when this may be necessary is when a driver forgets their wallet or no longer has time to wait. An escape lane *after* the service window does not meet the intent of this requirement (see proposed site plan attached as Exhibit B).

The Applicant's narrative states the current site utilizes two stacking lanes to the point after meal delivery, after which the two lanes merge into one to exit the site and that the current stacking lanes and subsequent merged lane total more than 100 feet but don't include an escape lane. This does *not* comply with the site design originally approved in 2012 with CZC-12-015/DES-12-009), which *does* show an escape lane in accord with UDC 11-4-3-11C.4 (see site plan below in Exhibit A). The existing operation is in violation of City code and should cease immediately.

EXHIBIT A

Existing Approved Site Plan

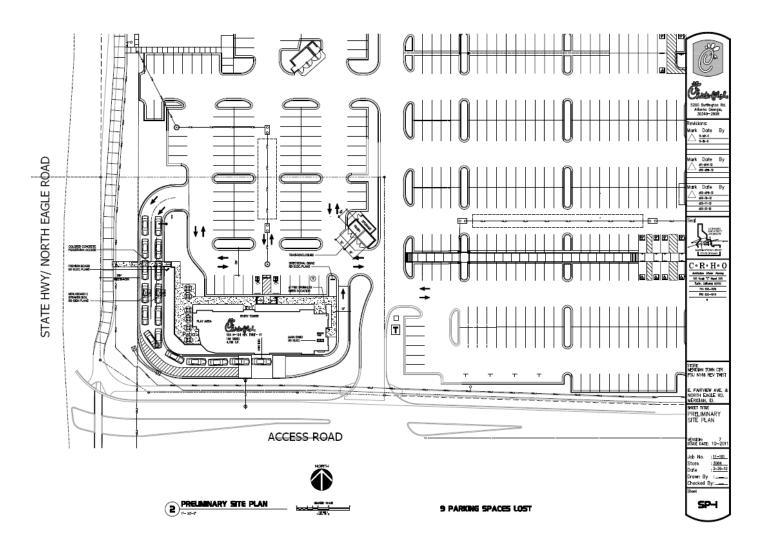


EXHIBIT B

Proposed Site Plan

