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RE: Variance Request-2201E Gala St

Chairman and Commissioners:

I have looked at the request to add a suite numbr to an existing building without doing a tenant improvement. This causes several problems for the fire department. When the engine company (or Police or EMS) is sent to an address with a suite, the captain and crew walking in would expect to see a clearly marked suite and door to enter into. Creating a suite just for addressing where one does not exist creates confusion for fire crews. This can cause delays in care, or extinguishment of a fire.

We met with the applicant and discussed dividing the building into two suites. This is the best option and they seemed amenable to it. This will create less confusion for fire, police and EMS.

I recommend denial of the appeal.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Joseph Bongiorno

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Bongiorno', written in a cursive style.

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