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July 3, 2025

Honorable Board of Trustees Charter Township of White Lake 7525 Highland Rd White Lake, MI 48383

## **RE: Elizabeth Trace Stormwater Easement Variance**

Honorable Board of Trustees,

At the March 18, 2025 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting you approved a site plan for Phase II of Elizabeth Trace Condos. At that meeting we missed a variance that is needed to build patios within the existing stormwater system easement on some of the units.

Township Engineering and Design Standards require easement for stormwater systems facilities such as pipes and manholes should the Township need to execute repairs on these systems should the owners fail to do so. Decks and patios are permanent structures that block access and are generally not allowed within the easements.

The plans and the patios are consistent with the original phase built around 2004. After working with our attorney and the developer, we feel the best way to ensure all parties agree and hold the Township harmless of the cost to replace the patios after a repair is to include language to that effect in the Master Deed amendment that is currently being drafted.

DPS requests the approval of the variance of the Township Engineering and Design Standards, Township Ordinance 38-515 to allow patios to be constructed within the existing stormwater easement of Elizabeth Trace Condos subject to the approval of the Master Deed amendment by the Township Attorney.

Sincerely,

Aaron Potter Director, Department of Public Services Charter Township of White Lake