STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR WAIVER to reduce the required width of the buffer area from 35 feet to 10 feet.

(a) The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners; and

STAFF: The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners since the nearest residence is over 700 feet from the facility, there is existing trees/vegetation, an eight, (8) foot high privacy fence will be installed and 36 white pines and 34 arrowhead viburnum will be planted.

(b) The waiver will not violate specific guidelines of Cornerstone 2020; and

STAFF: The waiver will not violate guideline 3, Compatibility, of Cornerstone 2020, which calls for the protection of roadway corridors and public areas from visual intrusions, so as not to negatively impact nearby residents and pedestrians, as mentioned above.

(c) The extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant; and

STAFF: The extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant since the request is a reduction in the width of the buffer area from 35 feet to 10 feet with the materials still being planted along with the existing conditions.

(d) Either:

(i) The applicant has incorporated other design measures that exceed the minimums of the district and compensate for non-compliance with the requirements to be waived (net beneficial effect); OR
(ii) The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The applicant has existing trees/vegetation, distances from nearby residences and the proposed eight, (8) foot high wooden privacy fence and landscaping materials.

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