

July 9, 2018

Timothy Stillings, AICP, Director
City of Delray Beach
Planning and Zoning Department
100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444



**RE: DELRAY MEDICAL CENTER
LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS PARTIAL WAIVER**

Dear Mr. Stillings;

On behalf of Tenet Healthcare Corporation and the Delray Medical Center please accept this request for a partial waiver of the City of Delray Beach's Land Development Regulations (LDRs). In particular, Sec. 4.6.5 - Walls, fences, and hedges (C) Height Restrictions

Request

On our campus, we have a separate 60,000 square foot Behavioral health program called the Fair Oaks Pavilion at 5440 Linton Blvd. Part of this clinical programs requirements is to provide time for the patient to go outside, as the average patient length of stay is 7 days.

Because of this patient requirement we need to have a fence surrounding this outside courtyard to prevent patient elopements. Our existing fence and height has proven inadequate, as some of our more creative patients have figured out ways to get over this fence.

This clinical program requires a higher fence to prevent elopement, so we are requesting a waiver to install a 12' Tall, 1" hole black vinyl mini mesh fence.

Analysis

This outside courtyard area faces west toward the C-6 canal, with the nearest dwellings being approximately 100 yards to the west. So the impact on surrounding areas is minimal or non-existent.

The clinical requirements of these special patients should outweigh the minimal impact on adjacent areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Cronan
Director Plant Operations
Delray Medical Center