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Deputy Chief Mark Dronet
City of Biloxi, Fire Marshall

Dear Mr. Dronet

Please be aware that our request to change the Biloxi, **LaQuinta Inn and Suites** to R2 is not to resolve a "building problem", but to clarify a clerical error. Like other competitors with daily, weekly and monthly rates that service to the not transient market, the amenities and strict requirements from La Quinta Corporate clearly distinguish **LaQuinta Inn** (transient) from a **LaQuinta Inn and Suites** (not transient/extended stay). The prototype used for these project drawings, which were stamped and approved by the City of Biloxi, was provided to us by Mr. Greg Ammon, (LQ Franchise LLC) at the corporate department of architecture and design. This is the same prototype that not only we personally have provide drawings for Franchises in Slidell, Covington, Lafayette and Hammond, but that have also, to the best of our knowledge, been use nation wide with out any issues or concerns.

Attached please find e-mails from the owner requesting the change (and explaining the details) and from LQ Franchise LLC, verifying that this project is in fact considered an extended stay facility. I have also attached a picture from a billboard on I-12 Slidell, marketing a product like this, I obviously could not have arrange for this, as I have no control of their national marketing practice, so I am hopeful you will believe me.... this change is not for convenience or to cover a problem. I am also sure we will all agree that LQ Franchise LLC would have not gone to this extent just to cover a "building problem", but to clarify a national product that they provide.

We are respectfully changing to R2, because that is the correct classification for this project. **Not** changing the classification will have extensive repercussion to the owner (liability and structural insurance, franchise fees and royalties, etc.). I apologize for any inconvenience and truly hope that you look at the merits of this change.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel to contact me at any time.

Sincerely

Emmett Dammon