October 8, 2021

City of Rapid City
City Council
300 – 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Re: Sidewalk Variance Request
Proposed Mr. Liquor Site
Undeveloped Northeast Corner of Black Hills Boulevard and Catron Boulevard
Rapid City, SD

On behalf of Mr. Liquor, future developer of proposed Lot 10 of Block 2 Black Hills Center Subdivision, this shall serve as a Sidewalk Variance Request to waive the requirements to construct sidewalk along Catron Boulevard at the above referenced project as required by Section 12.08.060.C of the Rapid City Municipal Code.

The variance request is submitted as allowed for by Section 12.08.060.C of the Rapid City Municipal Code.

Existing sidewalk has been constructed along Black Hills Boulevard connecting Catron Boulevard to Stumer Road. A site plan and vicinity map are attached to this letter for reference.

Justification for this Variance Request is as follows:

- Catron Boulevard is designated as US Highway (US) 16B and is functionally defined as a non-interstate freeway/expressway by South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). The posted speed in the vicinity of the site is 60 miles per hour (MPH). Catron Boulevard is a high-speed thoroughfare connecting US Highway (US) 16B truck traffic to Interstate 90 (I-90). Pedestrian traffic along such a freeway/expressway presents significant safety concerns.
- Sidewalk variances have recently been approved for similar projects along Catron Boulevard west of the proposed site. Specifically, a variance was granted for Lot E of Buffalo Crossing West Subdivision to waive the requirement to install sidewalk along Catron on the northwestern corner of the intersection with Highway 16. A variance was also granted for Lot A of the Buffalo Crossing Subdivision for a Monument Health project to waive requirements to construct sidewalk along Catron Boulevard.
- No sidewalk system exists along Catron Boulevard in the area. Stumer Road provides east-west sidewalk for pedestrian usage.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

FMG Engineering

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Attachments: Rapid Map - Vicinity Map.

Variance Application Document
Conceptual Site Plan

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