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To: Jonathan Tucker, Senior Planner

Subject: Fire Department Position on Article 8 B-G & B-VC Lot Frontage Change

The removal of the frontage requirement for residential uses in the specified districts does not adversely affect firefighting operations.

Fire Department is active participant in the review process for proposed projects. The plan is subject to review by the Fire Department which provides the opportunity to make recommendations for requirements to address access, water supply and building systems.

Renovation or re-development would require compliance with the current Building and Fire Codes. The installation of fire protection systems, fire separations and the use of fire resistive materials would be included.

Access is important to fire protection and emergency medical services. Changes to the layout of any lot would be designed to the current codes and will include design to accommodate the newer and larger fire apparatus.

The result should be an improvement in the overall safety of the subject buildings.

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