

13 February, 2019

Wayne Bergman, Asst. Director Town of Palm Beach Planning, Zoning & Building Department 360 S. County Road Palm Beach, FL 33480

Re: CHANEL 301 Worth Avenue

Dear Mr. Bergman;

CHANEL is planning a major interior renovation to the boutique at 301 Worth Avenue for the construction season in 2019 and we respectfully request the Town's consideration to allow a deviation from Section 42-199 entitled Hours for construction work of the Town Code.

What we propose at 301 Worth Avenue is that *if the Town will allow it*, we will close the CHANEL store on April 15 (a temporary CHANEL store will be open nearby), install professional graphics in the windows, and start selective removal of finishes as necessary to give us the access we need to take measurements, review details, and confirm existing conditions. This will allow the steel contractor to inspect, pre-order the needed materials and start the necessary design and fabrication of the steel for the structural work. By allowing us to start the work early, we will gain two weeks on the schedule, which we need in order to complete the renovation work by the end of October and be ready for the 2019 Holiday season.

The structural work that is required to create larger, more open spaces in the boutique:

- -7 new steel beams
- -6 new steel columns
- -5 new column footings
- -9 wood beams

This structural work needs to be complete before we can start installing mechanical, electrical, plumbing and other aspects of the new construction.

The steps to install these structural items:

1. General contractor removes the existing finishes.

- 2. Steel contractor measures precisely the locations of existing structural elements,
- 3. Steel contractor prepares detailed shop drawings that identify the sizes and connection details for new beams and columns, and for reinforcing steel to go in the new column footings.
- 4. Architect and engineer review and confirm/edit these drawings and then return them to the steel contractor.
- 5. Steel contractor updates the drawings and orders raw material so that his shop can fabricate the steel and deliver the fabricated material to the site.
- 6. Steel contractor installs new beams and columns.

To reduce any negative impacts to the Worth Avenue environment, we propose to:

- 1. Come and go through the back entrance, on Hibiscus Avenue;
- 2. Not park construction vehicles in the parking lot on Hibiscus Avenue until May 1;
- 3. Stack all debris inside the building (no debris removal) until May 1; and,
- 4. Will work only from 8AM to 5PM on Monday through Saturday with no work on Sunday.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Rob DiMartini

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