

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: October 14, 2020

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building

Re: Waiver of Town Code Section 42-199, For Extended Working Hours at 259 Worth Avenue

Date: September 23, 2020

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Town Council consider a request for an extension of the days for construction work that is underway at 259 Worth Avenue (Tiffany & Co. Palm Beach). If approved, staff recommends that the approval is conditioned upon the September 3, 2020 letter and attachments from Maura Ziska, Esq., in which she describes the details of the request.

Staff has notified the applicant that granting of extended working hours is the sole discretion of the Town Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The applicant is requesting an extension of time to complete renovations at 259 Worth Avenue. The project involves interior and exterior work, converting the second floor to a single residential dwelling unit and adding a small third floor for the dwelling unit. The applicant is requesting work hours throughout the prohibited winter season, which begins on November 1, through the beginning of January, 2021. The proposed completion date is the beginning of December, 2020.

Ordinance 03-2018, passed by the Town Council on second reading on February 13, 2018, modified the construction working hours in the Town as follows:

Sec. 42-199. - Hours for construction work.

- (b) *Limited. Beginning on the Monday preceding Thanksgiving, and during the months of December, January, February, March, and April of each year, construction work not otherwise prohibited by section 42-198 or other work resulting in noise tending to disturb the people in the vicinity thereof shall not begin until the hour of 8:00 a.m., and shall cease at the hour of 5:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays, when all construction work is prohibited. In no event shall heavy equipment or other construction-related noise be permitted before 9:00 a.m. At all other times such work may commence at 8:00 a.m. and cease at the hour of 6:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, including the Friday immediately after Thanksgiving, when all construction work is restricted or prohibited. Construction work is permissible on Saturdays from May through the Monday preceding Thanksgiving, but subject to the following restrictions: work shall not begin until the hour of 9:00 a.m.*

and shall cease at the hour of 5:00 p.m.; all work must be quiet in nature during which all of the noise and machinery prohibitions identified in section 42-198 are applicable; material deliveries are prohibited in all cases unless the Building Official waives such restriction due to compelling circumstances; concrete pours and concrete sawing is prohibited unless the Building Official waives such restriction due to compelling circumstances; and the razing of buildings is prohibited, with the exception of non-mechanized debris clean-up. The permitted hours for construction work in the C-WA zoning district shall be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. during the months commencing May 1 and ending on October 31, except Sundays and legal holidays, when all construction work is prohibited.

(c) *Exceptions.*

(5) The town council, in its discretion, for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the town may, by resolution, temporarily amend the hours for construction work referenced herein.

The applicant is requesting an extension of these working days to complete the renovation. The applicant was asked to notify surrounding property owners of the request and of the date of this meeting.

Staff recommends the Town Council consider the construction hour extension, as requested. For reference, the conditions attached by the Town Council for similar requests are:

- Saturday interior work only.
- The PZB Director has the authority to shut down work if problems or complaints arise.
- All contractor parking and deliveries of materials to be made from the side streets or from the Apollo or similar parking lots, not from Worth Avenue.
- Valet parking takes precedence over contractor parking in the Apollo parking lot, meaning if they ask the contractor to leave, the request must be followed.
- The contractor will take off the week of Thanksgiving (11/21 – 11/29) and during the Christmas / New Year holidays (12/19 – 1/3/21).
- Staff also requests that the contractor stop work on Hanukkah, Friday, 12/11.

Attachment – Letter, with attachments, from Maura Ziska, Esq., dated September 3, 2020

WRB

cc: Ben Alma, Police Department

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September 3, 2020

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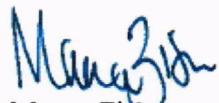
Re: Extension for construction time frame /259 Worth Avenue, Palm Beach, FL

Dear Wayne,

This letter shall serve as formal notice of the request for a waiver of the time schedule for completion of construction by the owner of 259 Worth Avenue, Palm Beach, Florida. Also enclosed is a construction schedule from Batten Construction. The reason for the delay and request for an extension is due to unforeseen events due to COVID-19. The new completion date would be the beginning of December 2020. I have also included a copy of the letter that will be sent notifying the abutting property owners and the owners across the street from the project.

Please place this request on the October 14, 2020 Town Council agenda.

Respectfully,



Maura Ziska

MZ/jc
Enclosures
cc: Client

Activity ID	Activity Name	Orig Dur	Act Dur	Rem Dur	Start	Finish	WBS Path	WBS Name	RESP	2020						2021							
										May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
RESI-1520	Interior Doors Fabrication and Shipping	30d	17d	13d	20-Jun-20 A	28-Aug-20	3.2.4.1.3.1	(081000) Interior Doors	DOOR														
RESI-1540	Door Hardware Fabrication and Shipping	30d	17d	13d	20-Jun-20 A	28-Aug-20	3.2.4.1.3.2	(087000) Hardware	DOOR														
RESI-6820	Flood Barrier Submittals Review and Approval	5d	0d	5d	17-Aug-20	21-Aug-20	3.2.4.1.5	(083160) Flood Barriers															
RESI-6830	Flood Barrier Procurement	13d	0d	13d	24-Aug-20	10-Sep-20	3.2.4.1.5	(083160) Flood Barriers															
Mobilization		115d	67d	5d	15-Apr-20 A	28-Sep-20																	
RESI-1250	Assess Site Conditions	4d	11d	0d	15-Apr-20 A	30-Apr-20 A	2.4.3.1	Mobilization	CM														
RESI-4100	Mobilize	0d	0d	0d	04-May-20 A		2.4.3.1	Mobilization	CM														
RESI-1260	Identify and Isolate MEPs for Tony Burch	4d	2d	0d	04-May-20 A	06-May-20 A	2.3.3.4.6	Demo	HVAC														
RESI-1390	Demolition - 1st Floor (Retail Areas)	7d	18d	0d	05-May-20 A	29-May-20 A	2.3.3.4.6	Demo	DEMO														
RESI-1370	Demolition - 1st Mobilization (Elevator Lobby & 2nd Floor)	5d	35d	0d	05-May-20 A	02-Jun-20 A	2.3.3.3	Demo/Excavation	DEMO														
RESI-4510	** RFI #11 - Structural Steel in Conflict with Elevator Shaft Construction	5d	8d	0d	06-May-20 A	16-May-20 A	2.3.3.3	Demo/Excavation	AE														
RESI-1380	Provide Temporary A/C for Tony Burch	1d	4d	0d	07-May-20 A	13-May-20 A	2.3.3.4.6	Demo/Excavation	HVAC														
RESI-1230	Recorded Notice of Commencement	0d	0d	0d	12-May-20 A		2.4.3.1	Mobilization	CM														
RESI-1350	Temporary Field Office Setup/Signage	1d	1d	0d	22-May-20 A	22-May-20 A	2.4.3.1	Mobilization	CM														
RESI-1480	Chemical Grouting for 18 Footers - FOH - Main Area	5d	19d	0d	26-May-20 A	22-Jun-20 A	2.3.3.4.5	Structural	CONC														
RESI-3100	Chemical Grouting for 18 Footers - BOH - Concrete Core	5d	19d	0d	26-May-20 A	22-Jun-20 A	2.3.3.3.3	Demo/Excavation	CONC														
RESI-1340	Fence off Sidewalk and Parking Lot	5d	5d	0d	02-Jun-20 A	08-Jun-20 A	2.4.3.1	Mobilization	CM														
RESI-4500	Shoring of Second Floor Rakers (Post Engineering Approval)	15d	4d	0d	15-Jun-20 A	18-Jun-20 A	2.3.3.3.3	Demo/Excavation	DEMO														
RESI-4220	Elevator Pit & Mat Soil Stabilization	10d	20d	0d	22-Jun-20 A	21-Jul-20 A	2.3.3.3.3	Demo/Excavation	SITE														
RESI-6510	Demolition - 3rd Floor - FOH - Main Area	10d	10d	0d	23-Jun-20 A	07-Jul-20 A	2.3.3.4.5	Structural	DEMO														
RESI-1760	Demolition - 3rd Floor - BOH - Concrete Core	5d	0d	5d	21-Sep-20	28-Sep-20	2.3.3.3.1	Structural	DEMO														
Rough Construction		116d	51d	67d	01-Jun-20 A	13-Nov-20																	
RESI-1630	Install Underground Plumbing Rough (Trenching to Patching) (FOH)	10d	33d	0d	01-Jun-20 A	17-Jul-20 A	2.3.3.4.1	Rough Construction	PLMB														
RESI-4570	Install Plywood 1st Layer Sheathing at 2nd Floor - FOH	5d	6d	0d	12-Jun-20 A	19-Jun-20 A	2.3.3.4.5	Structural	CARR														
RESI-6580	Temp Dry in Complete - 2nd Floor (Using 2x4 Curb and FA WP Mem)	3d	3d	0d	19-Jun-20 A	23-Jun-20 A	2.3.3.4.5	Structural	CARR														
RESI-1910	Structural Steel Columns and Members 3rd Floor to Roof - Main Area	10d	8d	0d	23-Jul-20 A	04-Aug-20 A	2.3.3.4.5	Structural	STR														
RESI-1800	Steel Column Extensions 2nd to 3rd Floor - Main Area	12d	8d	0d	23-Jul-20 A	04-Aug-20 A	2.3.3.4.5	Structural	STR														
RESI-1860	Structural Wood Framing 3rd Floor - Main Area	10d	10d	0d	29-Jul-20 A	21-Aug-20	2.3.3.4.5	Structural	CARR														
RESI-8610	** Weather - Non Work Days **	5d	5d	0d	30-Jul-20 A	03-Aug-20 A	2.3.3.3.1	Structural															
RESI-8600	** Water in Elevator Pit **	5d	6d	0d	30-Jul-20 A	03-Aug-20 A	2.3.3.3.1	Structural															
RESI-6830	Build Temp Wall Separating Retail & Residential Core Work	3d	0d	3d	31-Jul-20 A	31-Jul-20 A	2.3.3.3.2	Rough Construction	STR														
RESI-1550	Install Cast-In Place Elevator Pit & Mat Foundation	5d	12d	5d	03-Aug-20 A	14-Aug-20	2.3.3.3.1	Structural	CONC														
RESI-1900	Install Plywood Sheathing at 3rd Floor	5d	4d	9d	06-Aug-20 A	24-Aug-20	2.3.3.4.1	Rough Construction	CARR														
RESI-8820	- Receipt of ASI #5 - Changes to Doors, Stucco, Plumbing, Elect, Roof	0d	0d	0d	10-Aug-20 A		2.3.3.4.5	Structural	ARCH														
RESI-1570	Backfill and Compact Elevator Pit	3d	0d	3d	15-Aug-20	17-Aug-20	2.3.3.3.1	Structural	SITE														
RESI-1610	Elevator Shaft Shear/CMU Wall Framing to Roof	10d	0d	10d	18-Aug-20	25-Aug-20	2.3.3.3.1	Structural	DW														
RESI-1620	Scaffolding Installation/Shoring for Pool Slab	10d	0d	10d	18-Aug-20	25-Aug-20	2.3.3.3.1	Structural	SITE														
RESI-1930	Floor Drains at 3rd Floor	3d	0d	3d	25-Aug-20	27-Aug-20	2.3.3.4.1	Rough Construction	PLMB														
RESI-1960	High Roof Wood Trusses	5d	0d	5d	25-Aug-20	31-Aug-20	2.3.3.4.5	Structural	CARR														
RESI-1770	Electrical Rough in 3rd Floor	20d	0d	20d	25-Aug-20	22-Sep-20	2.3.3.4.1	Rough Construction	ELEC														
RESI-1640	Install 3rd Floor Concrete Slab	5d	0d	5d	25-Aug-20	28-Aug-20	2.3.3.3.1	Structural	CONC														
RESI-1570	Steel Hold Beam	5d	0d	5d	25-Aug-20	01-Sep-20	2.3.3.3.1	Structural	STR														
RESI-6820	3rd Floor Concrete Curing	5d	0d	5d	28-Aug-20	02-Sep-20	2.3.3.3.1	Structural	CONC														
RESI-2010	High Roof Sheathing	2d	0d	2d	01-Sep-20	02-Sep-20	2.3.3.4.1	Rough Construction	CRPT														
RESI-1550	Remove 3rd Floor Shoring (down to the ground)	2d	0d	2d	02-Sep-20	03-Sep-20	2.3.3.3.1	Structural	SHOR														
Proj: 200182 Page: 2 of 3		Start: 24-Jan-20 Finish: 04-Dec-20 Data Date: 12-Aug-20 Run Date: 12-Aug-20				Actual Work Remaining Work Critical Remaining Work				Milestones Summary				Tiffany & Co. Palm Beach Phase II Project - Residential Project Schedule - Full - Data Date: 12-Aug-20 Residential Only						SILVER MILE Design and Construction			

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RE: 259 Worth Avenue, Palm Beach

To Whom It May Concern:

A waiver of Town Ordinance 42-199, Hours of Construction, is being requested by 259 Worth Avenue, to allow work to continue during normal seasonal hours from November 1, 2020 through December 4, 2020. We would discontinue work during peak holiday times which includes November 26-29, 2020.

This matter will be presented to the Town Council at the regularly-scheduled meeting on October 14, 2020. Any concerns regarding this matter should be expressed at this meeting.

This notice is required to be postmarked no later than 10 days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully,



Maura Ziska