

December 29, 2021

Town of Palm Beach Town Council 360 South County Road Palm Beach, FL 33480

Re: 1191 North Lake Way – Consideration to Restart Work

Mr. Brazil,

Rogers General Contracting is formally requesting that the Town of Palm Beach Town Council allow work to be resumed at the renovation project at 1191 North Lake Way. Rogers General Contracting stopped work at this address following a conversation with Mrs. Patricia Strayer regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Construction Parking Strike Appeal Request submitted on December 16, 2021. We have in good faith stopped work at this address at the end of business on December 23, 2021 until we receive formal approval from Town Council to continue and complete the project. The project is very close to completion, with nearly all final inspections secured and only small landscape plantings and minimal stone hardscape scope remaining, both of which are at roughly 90% complete. As of December 17, 2021, the homeowner is occupying the home, and all furniture has been delivered and installed. We appreciate your time in reviewing this request, and we're hopeful that this information is sufficient to allow work to be completed on this project for the benefit of the homeowner and the adjacent residents as well.

## **Project Completion Status**

As of the work stoppage on December 23, 2021, the main home interiors are 100% complete and the home is occupied. The hardscape stone and landscape work are in the final stages. The landscape requires sod and small plantings, and the hardscape consists of site wall caps, fountain tile, and the river rock apron. Unfortunately, the 3<sup>rd</sup> construction parking strike on December 7, 2021 came while the homeowner was delivering/sorting/installing their furniture, which exacerbated our parking logistical challenges during our push to complete the project by the end of the year. The remaining work activities require limited manpower on site in comparison to our recent completion efforts, and the scope will be completed quickly once work is allowed to resume. The homeowner confirmed we will be able to park our work vehicles on site in the motor court while we install the last hardscape and landscape finishes, so the parking situation will be easily controlled.

## 1191 North Lake Way Logistics and Efforts at Compliance

The logistics of parking for any construction project on North Lake Way are very challenging due to both space constraints, and the lack of available construction parking permits. To comply with the parking regulations while completing the project, we had been shuttling the workers from remote parking areas, and we had employed a full parking attendant who has helped significantly in monitoring the constant challenges with a busy jobsite. These added cost have been approved and even driven by the homeowner to make a good faith effort at complying with the Construction Parking Rules. We've placed the parking attendant at the project entrance for nearly a year now, and up until the December 7 3<sup>rd</sup> strike incident he has done a great job of keeping the parking in check. The December 7 incident was a "perfect storm" of bad timing as we make our final push to project completion and the homeowner move-in. In addition, the project technically has (2) legitimate construction parking strikes against the record over a period of 18 months. The 2<sup>nd</sup> parking strike was incorrectly issued to our jobsite, however it went without appeal from our team as we did not want to cause trouble with Code Enforcement.



## Conclusion

Rogers General Contracting has many current and completed projects in the Town of Palm Beach. This is our first "Strike 3" for Construction Parking. We consistently approach the Construction Parking Rules with the utmost importance and always take extra measures to ensure we're compliant. We understand the importance of monitoring and coordinating the project sites both in parking as well as cleanliness and organization for the overall aesthetic of the Town and its residents. The owner of RGC is a resident of the Town of Palm Beach, and as such is constantly enforcing our company guidelines regarding site management. As a team we are dedicated to valuing and adhering to the rules of the Town.

We're respectfully requesting that work be allowed to resume at 1191 North Lake Way, allowing us to complete the project in a timely manner for the homeowner and for the benefit of the surrounding residents as well. We're happy to discuss this issue further with you or meet on the project site if it is beneficial.

If you have any questions, please call me at 386-846-8642.

Thank you for your consideration,

Russell Novak Project Manager