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Office of City Manager

August 3, 2016

Mr. A. Robert Kucab  
3508 Bush St.  
Raleigh, NC 27609

RE: Downtown Hickory Development

Dear Mr. Kucab:

The City of Hickory has been fortunate enough to receive support from the Hickory voters for a \$40 million bond issue to be used on the enhancement of our City and the creation of jobs, with a portion of that funding to be used on improving infrastructure in our downtown area. Our downtown area will benefit from the option of new residential units, some of which may be constructed through future applications to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency.

We are requesting that your office consider amending the guidelines for appropriate sites for new housing by reducing the site distance criteria for electrical substations from 500 feet to 250 feet when there are less than 0.7 acres as measured by the total equipment area enclosed by fencing. Reducing the current distance criteria of 500 feet to 250 feet would allow development in our downtown area to occur through NCHFA, therefore allowing for further advancement of the progress occurring in our City. I am available to discuss further details with you should you have questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Surratt", written over a horizontal line.

Andrea Surratt, AICP, ICMA-CM  
Interim City Manager  
City of Hickory