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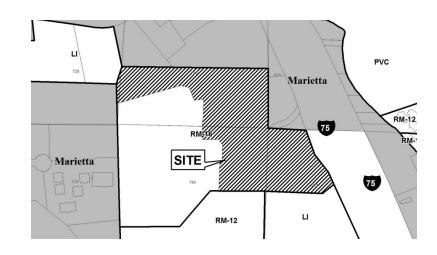
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APPLICANT:	Ralmaı	·k, LP	PETITION No.:	V-50
PHONE:	718-43	7-5400	DATE OF HEARING:	04-01-2015
REPRESENTA	ΓΙVE:	Kathryn M. Zickert, Esq.	PRESENT ZONING:	RM-16
PHONE:		404-815-3704	LAND LOT(S):	784, 785, 801
TITLEHOLDE	R: Ra	lmark, LP	DISTRICT:	17
PROPERTY LO	CATIO	N: At the northern terminus	SIZE OF TRACT:	43 acres
of Laurel Valley Road, west of Int	,	rivate), north of Terrell Mill 5	COMMISSION DISTRICT:	2
(3500 Windcliff	Drive).			
TYPE OF VAR	IANCE:	Waive the minimum number of	of parking spaces from the require	ed 1,190 to 1,047.

OPPOSITION: No. OPPOSED _	PETITION No	SPOKESMAN	

## **BOARD OF APPEALS DECISION**

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STIPULATIONS:



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## **COMMENTS**

**TRAFFIC:** This request will not have an adverse impact on the transportation network.

**DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTIONS:** No comment.

**SITE PLAN REVIEW:** No comment.

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:** The Stormwater Management Division supports the reduction in required parking spaces.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION:** After examining Civil War trench maps, Cobb County historic property surveys, county maps, and various other resources, staff has no comments regarding the impact or treatment of historic and/or archaeological resources.

**DESIGN GUIDELINES:** No comment.

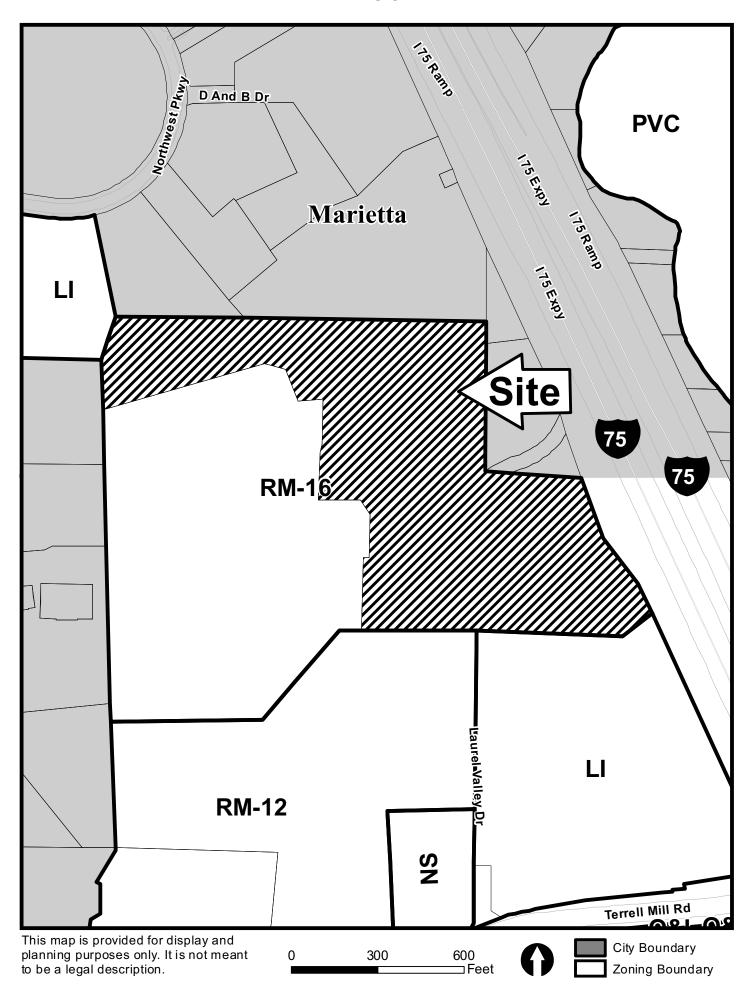
**CEMETERY PRESERVATION:** No comment.

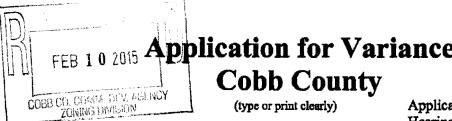
WATER: No conflict.

**SEWER:** No conflict.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** After analyzing the information presented for a Preliminary Review, the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office is confident that all other items can be addressed during the Plan Review Stage.





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Applicant	Ralmark, LP	Phone # (718) 437-5400	E-mail jherman@collinsgrouplic.
Kathryn M. Zie (represe	ckert, Esq.		ree St., NE, Ste. 3100, Atlanta, GA street, city, state and zip code)  E-mail kmzickert@sgrlaw.com
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	ng of Property RM-16	Of Qual, in Kings County Expires July 31, 2017	Notary Pub
Location 350	0 Windcliff Drive, SE, Marie	etta, Georgia 30067 street address, if applicable; nearest inter	section, etc.)
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Land Lot(s)_	701,100	District	
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Revised: March 5, 2013

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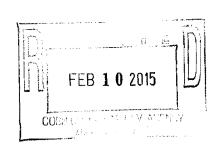
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February 9, 2015

## VIA EMAIL

Rob Hosack, AICP Cobb County Community Development Planning Division 1150 Powder Springs St., Ste 400 Marietta, GA. 30064

Re: Lincoln Hills Apartment Complex



Dear Rob,

I hope you are well. Please be advised that I represent Ralmark Georgia, LLC in conjunction with a variance request for the Lincoln Hills apartment complex in Cobb County. This letter is being submitted as the legal justification for the variance. My client's checks for the application fee (\$500.00) and sign posting fee (\$100.00) are also included. Also enclosed for the file is a standard Constitutional Objection.

The Lincoln Hills complex contains a total of 680 units and is located on 43.071 acres of land. It is zoned R-16 and was built in the mid 80's. As is the case now, the parking requirement then was 1.75 spaces per unit. However back in the '80's the Cobb Zoning Ordinance also contained a requirement that at least 50% of total units should be efficiency or one bedroom units. For this reason, of the total 680 dwelling units in this complex, 459 (67.5%) are efficiency or one-bedroom units.

The original developer was Lincoln Properties. Its then-Project Manager, Lindsay Freeman, was of the opinion that the one-bedroom and efficiency units did not require 1.75 spaces per unit. He advises that he sought and obtained an administrative variance to reduce the required parking spaces from 1,190 to 1,047. However, efforts to unearth documentation of the administrative variance at the Planning Department have failed.

This project recently was sold. In light of the inability to find documentation of the administrative approval, the lender characterized the parking situation as a nonconforming use. It has required the Applicant to make sure that the property is fully compliant with the code. Additionally, the Applicant does not want to add unnecessary impervious surface given the location on site of the Pool House creek. Therefore this variance request is being pursued.



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The complex has operated successfully, without any shortage of parking spaces, for almost 30 years. The additional spaces clearly have not been needed. The Applicant merely seeks to insure that what is on the ground now is lawful.

For these reasons the Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of this variance application. Should you have questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Kathryn M. Zickert

KMZ/tnw Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ari Parnes

Mr. Jay Herman