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To:

City Council of Sanibel
800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Subject: Request for Land Use Waiver to Allow Temporary EMS Operations at [REDACTED]
Whitehall Drive

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Community Housing and Resources, Inc. (CHR) respectfully requests that the City Council of Sanibel consider granting a temporary waiver for land use to allow Lee County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) stationed on Sanibel to utilize the CHR-owned building located at [REDACTED] Whitehall Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957.

CHR owns the building and leases the underlying land from the City of Sanibel. The terms of this lease requires the parcel be used for the sole benefit of the BMRH program, and thus we would need a waiver of this provision in order to enter into an agreement with the County for their use of the property as a temporary base in providing EMS housing. The purpose of this request is to support continued emergency medical coverage during the demolition and reconstruction of Station House No. 171, an estimated 2 year project.

We recognize the critical importance of maintaining uninterrupted emergency response capability for the residents and visitors of Sanibel. Allowing EMS to operate temporarily from this site would provide a clear public benefit by ensuring that emergency response times remain fast and effective throughout the construction period. The property offers quick and direct access to major roadways, making it an ideal temporary location for EMS operations.

In consideration of the residential character of the surrounding neighborhood, the EMS team has agreed to operate without the use of sirens or emergency lights within the residential area except in cases of urgent necessity.

CHR appreciates the City's partnership and commitment to ensuring community safety. We respectfully request that the City Council prepare and approve a temporary land use waiver to facilitate this essential public service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nicole Mchale
Executive Director