



March 30, 2026

City of Sanibel  
Planning Department  
Kim Ruiz, Senior Planner  
2475 Library Way  
Sanibel, Florida 33957

RE: FISH of SanCap Temporary Space  
2330 Palm Ridge Rd, Unit #1, Sanibel, FL 33957  
Conditional Use/Change of Use Permit Application –Narrative of Request

Dear Ms. Ruiz,

Please accept this application package on behalf of FISH of SanCap requesting approval for the temporary location for institutional use, primarily for their food pantry and ancillary uses associated with FISH's mission for Unit 1, of the Palm Ridge Place shopping center located at 2330 Palm Ridge Road. This request is temporary such that while the permanent location on Periwinkle Way is under construction, FISH of SanCap can continue to operate efficiently to serve the community for those neighbors in need of its imperative services including food programs, island-based education, senior services and helping hands & financial assistance. The permanent location funding via the County CDBG-DR program has a completion deadline of 2029.

The temporary FISH of SanCap +/-2,493 sf tenant space as proposed is primarily for the food pantry and may be used for ancillary uses affiliated with serving its mission. It shall be compatible with and is designed to have no detrimental effect on surrounding lands and actual and permitted uses thereof.

To ensure comprehensive coordination in the request, while the Unit #2 space is an allowable use without the need for conditional use approval, I'd like to ensure that during consideration the space of unit #2 also allows for the ancillary uses associated with FISH's mission for Unit 1 so that no zoning enforcement issues may arise during the timeframe for which FISH is serving the community while in their temporary space. An example of this would include the services for preparing back packs.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or additional information needs.



Respectfully,

*Rachel Lee Bielert*

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Project Manager for FISH of SanCap

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