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Subject: Trip Generation Letter – The Extra Garage IV

Dear Mr. Lewis,

This letter provides a discussion of the roadway capacity along Beaver Creek Road and an estimate of the trip generation and discussion of expected traffic patterns for the proposed development (The Extra Garage IV), which will be located on the west side of Beaver Creek Road, north of Tody Goodwin Road in Chatham County, North Carolina. The proposed development is anticipated to include an approximate 95,300 square foot (s.f.) mini-warehouse providing covered storage for boats, recreational vehicles, and other vehicles. A copy of the site plan is attached.

The surrounding area is primarily wooded and residential. The proposed mini-warehouse is located approximately one mile north of the entrance to a popular boat ramp on Jordan Lake along Beaver Creek Road. The proposed mini-warehouse will be located directly adjacent to a similar storage facility under the same ownership, which is located west of Beaver Creek Road and south of Tody Goodwin Road. The primary use of the existing storage facility is covered boat and RV storage. It is expected that the primary use of the proposed storage facility will also be boat and RV storage due to the proximity to the Ebenezer Church boat ramp (on Jordan Lake) and the Popular Point campground and boat ramp. The entrance to the campground is less than one mile north of the facility on Beaver Creek Road. The facility will reduce towing distances for campers and RV's due to the proximity to the campground.

It should be noted that the proposed storage facility is anticipated to provide an ethanol fueling station that will remove the need for the majority of boaters to take their boat elsewhere for fueling. The addition of a boat storage facility at this location will ultimately reduce the number of boats hitched to vehicles on the adjacent streets, in particular those turning left from US 64 onto Beaver Creek Road and those traveling along Beaver Creek Road. Additionally, the lake experiences the most boaters during warm weather months. The traffic to and from the boat storage facility and the Ebenezer Church boat ramp will be <u>significantly</u> lower during cold weather months.

# **Capacity**

Beaver Creek Road is a two-lane roadway running in a north-south direction with a speed limit of 55 miles per hour (mph) within the study area. Based on the most recent data (2021) from NCDOT, Beaver Creek Road had an average annual daily traffic (AADT) volume of approximately 4,400 vehicles per day (vpd) south of US 64.



A rural two lane undivided arterial with no turning lanes generally has a daily capacity of approximately 10,000 vehicles. Based on the most recent NCDOT AADT data, Beaver Creek Road operates well below capacity.

## **Trip Generation**

To determine the trip generation for the proposed boat storage, two alternatives were considered in the analysis. Alternative 1, shown in Table 1, uses the ITE *Trip Generation Manual*, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition to determine the weekday daily, Saturday daily, weekday PM peak hour, and Saturday peak hour trips. Alternative 2 is based on the actual data collected at the existing boat storage facility adjacent to the proposed boat storage facility. The existing boat storage facility is approximately 55,000 square feet. The trip generation volumes were determined based on traffic counts conducted at the entrance of the existing boat storage, in August of 2016 by RKA during a typical weekday and Saturday.

**Table 1: ITE Trip Generation for Proposed Development (Alternative 1)** 

Land Use (ITE Code)	Size	Weekday Daily	Weekday PM Peak Hour Trips			Saturday	Saturday Peak Hour Trips		
			Enter	Exit	Total	Daily	Enter	Exit	Total
Mini-Warehouse (151)	95,300 s.f.	138	9	8	17	128	10	6	16

For Alternative 2, the trip generation was calculated according to the rates determined based on data collected at a similar facility (The Extra Garage II) in Chatham County. This 55,000 s.f. facility was counted during typical summer weekday and summer Saturday conditions. The data collected at this facility is provided in the attachments. The daily rate calculations applied to the proposed facility are as follows:

#### Weekday Calculations

6 daily trips / 55,000 s.f. = 0.109 daily trips / 1,000 s.f. 1 weekday PM trip / 55,000 s.f. = 0.018 weekday PM trips / 1,000 s.f.

0.109 daily trips / 1,000 s.f. \* 95,300 s.f. = 11 Weekday Daily Trips 0.018 weekday PM trips / 1,000 s.f. \* 95,300 s.f. = 2 Weekday PM Peak Hour Trips

### Saturday Calculations

32 trips / 55,000 s.f. = 0.582 trips / 1,000 s.f. 6 Saturday trips / 55,000 s.f. = 0.109 Saturday trips / 1,000 s.f.

0.582 trips / 1,000 s.f. \* 95,300 s.f. = 56 Saturday Daily Trips 0.109 Saturday trips / 1,000 s.f. \* 95,300 s.f. = 11 Saturday Peak Hour Trips

Table 2: Peak Hour Traffic for Proposed Boat & RV Storage Using Counted Rates (Alternative 2)

Land Use	Size	Weekday Daily	Weekday PM Peak Hour Trips			Saturday	Saturday Peak Hour Trips		
			Enter	Exit	Total	Daily	Enter	Exit	Total
Boat Storage	95,300 s.f.	11	*	*	2	56	*	*	11

<sup>\*</sup>Directional distribution is not available for counts conducted.

Table 2, above, provides the trip generation utilizing the count data completed at The Extra Garage II and applied to the proposed facility. Based on this calculation methodology, the proposed 95,300 s.f. facility is



expected to generate 11 weekday daily trips and 56 Saturday daily trips during typical summer conditions. It is worth noting, during October through April, the facility is expected to generate fewer trips.

### **Findings and Summary**

As shown in the tables above, based on the most conservative method, the proposed development is not expected to produce more than 140 weekday daily trips, with 17 total trips (9 entering and 8 exiting) during the weekday PM peak hour and no more than 130 Saturday daily trips, with 16 total trips (10 entering and 6 exiting) during the Saturday peak hour. Based on the peak hour trip generation totals, turn lanes would not be warranted at the proposed access points on Beaver Creek Road.

While the traffic added to Beaver Creek Road is not anticipated to be significant, additional safety measures on site of the proposed development have been taken into consideration to maximize the safety of both traffic visiting the development as well as through traffic on Beaver Creek Road. Proposed on-site are extra wide driveways as well as approximately 70 feet of internal protected stem (distance between the right-of-way line to the proposed gate) that should provide sufficient storage to house a vehicle towing a boat or RV that is visiting the facility and remove it fully from Beaver Creek Road.

As mentioned previously, the proposed boat and RV storage facility is anticipated to provide an ethanol fueling station that will remove the need for the majority of boaters to take their boats elsewhere for fueling, ultimately reducing the number of boats hitched to vehicles heading to/from US 64; therefore, maximizing safety of all motorists in and around the development.

Based on the results of this trip generation study, the proposed covered boat and RV storage facility is not expected to create significant traffic issues on the adjacent roadway network.

If there are any questions regarding the above information, please let me know.

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