Grills Riverside 505 Glen Cheek Drive, Cape Canaveral FL 32920

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Brevard County Board of Commissioners 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940

RF:

Grills Riverside 6075 N US Hwy 1 Melbourne, FL 32940

PID request as per Sec. 62-3668 (3)

Dear Commissioners,

We are requesting to construct additional outside decking on the North East side of our restaurant as per enclosed plans. Covid has greatly impacted our restaurant operations in many ways. Like everyone we have spent this past year, trying to adapt to the constantly changing rules and information pertaining to this virus. While we are presently allowed by law to operate at full capacity, we have intentionally limited our inside seating because it seems to be in the public interest to do so. Many people are still extremely nervous to dine indoors and that continues to impact our revenues.

The public is very "hungry" for outside seating. At present CDC also backs the position that outside is better. I believe this posture and public sentiment will exist for many years. We are fortunate to have a good amount of outside space that has always been part of the Grills design. The area we are proposing to deck will provide the public with access to additional outdoor space without any environmental impacts or reduction in the efficacy of our existing stormwater treatment retention.

We have been operational since May of 2010 and currently employ 130 persons. Serving positions comprise the majority of our personnel. There have been many days since covid shutdown and reopening that our indoor sections stay vacant while individuals and groups congregate outside waiting for those coveted seats to open. This occurred even in the heat of last summer. This is a frustrating reality and challenge to our business revenues and affects the income potential of these serving positions. This new deck space will allow us to shift and decommission inside seating to the outdoors when weather is favorable. This will be a significant benefit to our business, positively affect employee retention and potentially increase safety for the dining public at large.

Your timely consideration of this proposal is greatly appreciated. Maximizing optimal weather and the seasonal surge that occurs between now and July is very advantages to the ongoing health of our business.

Jee Penovich

Sincerely





