

August 3, 2023

Mayor and Council City of Victoria Zoning and Permit Department 1 Centennial Square Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor and Council;

## RE: 626 Gorge Rd E – Unit 200 Victoria, British Columbia

The Development of two residential suites in the previous Commercial suite locations is ideal in this neighborhood. The following are a list of compelling reasons why we humbly request a variance:

- The main floor commercial space has been vacated and a new tenant has proven next to impossible to find
- There are no other commercial spaces in this building, therefore it would be quieter to for the tenants to have all units residential
- Parking is difficult in this area for Commercial clients and customers, however, is provided for tenants
- Victoria is in great need of residential spaces
- This would be a great location for those wishing a short commute to local shops to work

In addition to the above, the building does not lose any of its curb appeal. The façade will remain the same with only regular maintenance.

Hopefully you find this in order.

Kind Regards,

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