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VIA E-MAIL

Daniel T. Keester-O'Mills, AICP, Principal Planner City of Pompano Beach – Development Services 100 W. Atlantic Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Re: Zoning Interpretation for South Florida Jeeps
2151 Hammondville Road (Martin Luther King Blvd) (the "Property")

Dear Mr. Keester-O'Mills,

This Firm represents JG Auto Finance, Inc. (dba South Florida Jeeps) in connection with the land use and zoning matters relating to the Property. On January 14, 2020, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2020-16, which rezoned the Property from B-3 to B-4 to accommodate a 41,520 sf warehouse/distribution center. At the rezoning hearing, the owner agreed to record a Declaration of Restrictions which prohibited certain uses on the Property. The Declaration of Restrictions was executed and recorded as Instrument Number 116411133 of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida ("Declaration").

The building is now constructed and my client, South Florida Jeeps, is under contract to purchase the Property to use as their new manufacturing headquarters. During our discussions with City zoning staff, the operations of South Florida Jeeps most closely resembles "light manufacturing," which is a permitted use under the B-4 regulations and is not prohibited under the Declaration. However, certain activities will occasionally take place as part of the "light manufacturing" operation, that are currently listed as "prohibited" under the Declaration. The way to resolve this is to amend the Declaration to allow for these uses when they are part of a "light manufacturing" operation. The amendment to the Declaration proposes to change the list of prohibited uses to either eliminate or provide a carve-out for certain uses when they are conducted as part of an overall "light manufacturing" operation. Since the list of prohibited uses will be modified in a manner which assumes South Florida Jeeps qualifies as "light manufacturing" under the City's Zoning Code, we are requesting a letter from the City's Planning and Zoning Department confirming that South Florida Jeeps is, in fact, considered by the City to "light manufacturing." In addition, because of their licensing/dealer arrangement with JEEP and other various auto manufacturers, they are required to hold a license for used auto sales. All activities proposed will be fully contained indoors.

For purposes of issuing the relevant Certificate of Occupancy, Business Tax Receipts and Zoning Use Certificate, below is a description of the South Florida Jeeps' business operations:

South Florida Jeeps receives new, previously assembled automobiles/vehicles directly from Jeep and converts them through a specialized fabrication and assembly process to later be sold off premises as a "SOFLO JEEP." Please note that not all vehicles will have all of these specifications, but we providing a list to show some of the various customization, fabrication and/or assembly components that may be during the conversion process:

- Re-painting the vehicles with specialized paint treatment
- Exterior fabrication and assembly of fenders, lights, doors, etc.
- Interior fabrication and assembly of seats, flooring, headliner, upholstery, etc.
- Installation of new tires/rims and mounting
- Engine modifications/replacement
- Installation of custom exhaust modification/replacement
- Adding additional axles to the vehicles

All activities will be conducted indoors only. Due to the licensing agreement between JEEP and South Florida Jeeps, JEEP requires that all resold vehicles must be sold as "used" since they have been modified by South Florida Jeep, which is why South Florida Jeeps needs to amend the Declaration to remove "used car sales, indoor only" from the list of prohibited uses.

For your convenience, attached are copies of the "as-built" survey, site plan, recorded Declaration and the proposed list of amendments to the prohibited uses. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 954-779-1123.

Sincerely,

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