



REVIEW STANDARDS – NARRATIVE

Demonstration of Compliance for Proposed Community Residence

In support of our application for the establishment of a community residence at [Property Address], we respectfully submit the following demonstrations of compliance with all applicable standards:

a. Normalization and Community Integration

The applicant affirms that the proposed community residence will not interfere with the normalization and community integration of residents in any existing community residence and/or recovery community in the surrounding area. Furthermore, the presence of existing community residences and/or recovery communities will not adversely affect the normalization or integration of residents of the proposed residence. The proposed residence will provide a home-like environment and encourage participation in community activities, consistent with the goal of achieving full social integration.

b. Preservation of Residential Character and Avoidance of Institutionalization

The applicant demonstrates that the proposed community residence, in combination with any existing community residences and/or recovery communities, will not alter the residential character of the neighborhood. The residence will not create an institutional atmosphere, nor will it contribute to or intensify a de facto social service district through clustering. The residence will be visually and functionally indistinguishable from other dwellings in the area.

c. Zoning Compatibility

The proposed community residence is fully compatible with residential uses permitted as of right in the applicable zoning district. No changes to the exterior of the home are planned, and its use will be consistent with the residential purpose of the property, contributing to neighborhood stability and cohesion.

d. Impact in Single-Family Zoning Districts

[If applicable:] The proposed community residence is located within a single-family zoning district. The applicant demonstrates that the residence, alone or in combination with any existing community residences, will not alter the residential stability or character of the single-family district. The residence will be occupied in a manner consistent with that of a



traditional family dwelling and will maintain harmony with surrounding single-family homes.

e. State Certification or Licensing

The applicant or the proposed community residence has secured all certifications or licenses required by the State of Florida. Documentation evidencing such licensure or certification has been submitted.

f. Operation in Absence of State Licensure (if applicable)

Where the State of Florida does not provide certification or require licensure for this specific type of transitional community residence and the population it serves, the applicant demonstrates the following:

- i. The community residence will operate in a manner consistent with licensed or certified community residences, adhering to best practices in resident care and facility management.
- ii. Staff will receive training equivalent to that required under Florida law for licensed facilities, ensuring competent and ethical service delivery.
- iii. The residence will emulate a traditional family setting, promoting normalization and community integration for its residents.
- iv. Policies and procedures will be implemented to safeguard residents from abuse, exploitation, fraud, theft, insufficient care, substance abuse, and misuse of medications. These protections include staff oversight, resident conduct policies, regular monitoring, and compliance with all applicable health and safety standards.

Conclusion:

The applicant respectfully submits that the proposed community residence meets all regulatory requirements and will provide a safe, supportive, and normalized living environment for its residents while preserving the character and integrity of the surrounding neighborhood.

Sincerely,
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