

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Planning & Development Services

TO: David Corliss, City Manager

FROM: Mary Miller, Planning Staff

CC: Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager
Cynthia Boecker, Assistant City Manager
Scott McCullough, Planning and Development Services Director

Date: October 10, 2008

RE: Extension request for SP-12-93-06; Site Plan for office building at 501 Rockledge Drive

Please place this extension request on the City Commission consent agenda.

A Site Plan [SP-12-93-06] for an office building at 501 Rockledge Drive was administratively approved and released on May 31, 2007. A location map and a copy of the approved site plan are included with this memo.

Per Section 20-1305(o)(1) the site plan approval will expire if building permits are not obtained within 18 months of the final approval. The City Commission may extend the expiration date for a period not to exceed 6 months, for good cause shown; however, only one such extension may be granted for a project. The site plan approval for SP-12-93-06 will expire on November 30, 2008 if the property owner has not obtained a building permit or requested an extension by that time.

The applicant requested a 6 month extension prior to the expiration date of the site plan approval and the request is included with this memo. This extension would allow additional time to finance the construction and would allow construction of the building to start in the warmer seasons.

Planning Staff recommends approval of the 6 month extension request which would permit the site plan approval to remain valid until May 31, 2009. Additional extensions will not be possible for this project per Section 20-1305(o)(1)

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Mary,

The timing of the construction of this office building would seem to be pretty poor. Finishing a spec office building in the winter of 2009, IF we could get it financed at this time, would seem to be pretty bad planning. Therefore on behalf of my client I would ask for a 6 month extension.
Thanks
Paul

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LOCATION MAP



501 Rockledge shown outlined in blue.