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Garden City Development Services

Re: SUBFY2025-0002 6515 W State St – Stateside Subdivision (River Club Townhomes)

This is a request for a Preliminary/Final Plat for a 134-lot residential subdivision with 6 common lots.

North Ada County Fire & Rescue District has reviewed and can approve the application subject to compliance with all the following code requirements and conditions of approval. The following are the comments from the Preliminary Plat application and still apply.

Comments:

1. Fire hydrants, capable of producing the required fire flow, shall be located so that no part of the structure is more than 600-feet from the hydrant. (IFC 507.3, IFC B104, IFC B105, IFC C105).
2. Fire hydrants, capable of producing the required fire flow, shall be located along approved fire lanes. Fire hydrant spacing shall meet the requirements of IFC table C105.1.1 (IFC 507.3, IFC B105, IFC C105).
3. Structures greater than 30-feet in height will require aerial fire access roadways. These roadways shall be a minimum of 26-feet in width and located at least 15-feet but no more than 30-feet from the building. (IFC D105) **The proposed plan shows 3-story townhomes that have eave heights over 34' above lowest level of fire department vehicle access. The minimum clear width for the roads throughout the complex will be 26' to meet the aerial fire apparatus access requirement.**
4. Dead-end fire apparatus access roads exceeding 150 feet (45 720 mm) in length shall be provided with an approved area for turning around fire apparatus. (IFC 503.2.5) **Approved fire apparatus turnarounds are located throughout the complex. The emergency access point at the south of the complex will suffice as a secondary emergency access. Approved bollards, chains, or gates are allowed to be installed at this access point to prevent unwanted non-emergency traffic.**
5. Fire apparatus access roads shall extend to within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of a building measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility. (IFC 503.1.1)

6. Monument signage for addressing will be required at the entrance and at all intersections within the project. (IFC 505.1)
7. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches. (IFC 503.2.1)
All roads in complex will have 26' clear width due to aerial access requirement.
8. The minimum outside turning radius of a fire apparatus access road shall be 48 feet. The minimum inside turning radius shall be 28 feet. (BCC 5-12-19, IFC 503.2.4)
9. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an approved driving surface of asphalt, concrete or other approved driving surface and can support the imposed load of fire apparatus weighing at least 75,000 pounds. Please provide documentation the road surface meets this standard. (IFC D102.1)
10. For streets having a width less than 33 feet back of curb to back of curb parking shall be restricted on one side; for streets having a width less than 27 feet back of curb to back of curb parking shall be restricted on both sides. A note on the face of the final plat is required noting the parking restriction prior to signing of the final plat by the Boise City Engineer. In addition, No Parking signs shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the IFC. (BCC5-12-32, IFC 503.8)
11. Access gates shall comply with requirements of the IFC. If gates are electronically operated, they shall be equipped with an automatic opening mechanism activated by the Opticom system. Manual gates shall be secured with a Knox brand padlock (IFC 503.6, D103.5, BCC 5-12-31).
12. The installation of security gates across a fire apparatus access road must meet the following criteria: Removal or opening of said barricade must result in a clear unobstructed road width of 20'. Chains and locks shall not be of such quality so as not to damage fire department cutting tools nor shall cutting operations result in any unnecessary time delay. Bollards must be of an easily removable type, shall leave nothing protruding up from the roadway surface when removed, and shall be approved by the Code official. If gates are electronically operated, they shall: (1) be of a fail-open version in the event of loss of power, and (2) be equipped with an automatic opening mechanism activated by the Opticom system currently in use by the fire department. Contact the Boise Fire Marshal (570-6567) for additional details. (IFC 503.6, D103.5, BMC Amendment 05-12-31).

General Requirement:

Fire Department required fire hydrants, access, and street identification shall be installed prior to construction or storage of combustible materials on site. Provisions may be made for temporary access and identification measures.

Specific building construction requirements of the International Building Code, International Fire Code and NACFR Rules will apply. However, these provisions are best addressed by a licensed Architect at time of building permit application.

Regards,

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