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Garden City Development Services

Re: DSRFY2025-0010 202 E 34th St

These are design review comments for the construction of a new Health Club.

The Boise Fire Department has reviewed and can approve the application subject to compliance with all the following code requirements and conditions of approval. Any deviation from this plan is subject to Fire Department approval. Please note that unless stated otherwise, this memo represents the requirements of the International Fire Code (IFC) as adopted and amended by the North Ada County Fire District.

Comments:

1. Fire hydrants, capable of producing the required fire flow, shall be located so that no part of the structure is more than 400-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. 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)
4. 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)
5. 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)
6. 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)
7. 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).

8. 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 (208-570-6500) for additional details. (IFC 503.6, D103.5).

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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