



June 24, 2020

Shelly DeHart
Planning Director
City of Belmont Planning and Zoning
37 North Main Street
Belmont, North Carolina 28012

Dear Ms. DeHart

I much appreciate the City's previous approval of the College's new 136-bed facility to better utilize space for our growing community. In these challenging but exciting times, we are fortunate to have strong city and county leadership.

I am happy to report that the construction of the facility is progressing. However, due to a variety of challenges, it will not be complete by August 17, the date students will return for the fall semester. As such, with Vesta Modular Construction Solutions, the College has developed plans to provide three modular dormitories, each consisting of 44 beds that will house 132 students until the permanent facility receives its certificate of occupancy.

In accordance with its 144-year history of preparing students for ethical, moral, and professional success, the College agrees to work with Gaston County Building Department and Belmont Fire Department to obtain all necessary permits and approvals as required by city code prior to occupancy of the modular dormitories is granted.

Thank you, Ms. DeHart. I appreciate your consideration in approving the College's plans to house students in modular dormitories until the permanent facility receives its certificate of occupancy. I welcome further discussion with you or members of the City Council, regarding any of the finer points at your or their convenience.

Truly Yours with Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Allan Mark'.

Allan Mark
Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Belmont Abbey College

cc: Mr. Rich Hoefling
cc: Mr. Alan Price