



**Marion County
Board of County Commissioners**

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SUBJECT: WAIVER STATUS LETTER

PROJECT NAME: STANTON WEIRSDALE DRAINAGE RETENTION AREA
PROJECT #2025080017 APPLICATION #33178 PARCEL #49794-000-00

Dear John Michael.:

The following waiver for the above referenced project was reviewed by the Development Review Committee on August 11, 2025 and the decision was as follows:

LDC 6.8.6.(J) Buffers

CODE states Required buffer types between land uses. (1) Specialized Commerce Districts include a mix of both commercial and industrial land uses, therefore, buffer requirements shall apply only to lots on the perimeter of the district. (2) Buffer installation and maintenance shall be provided concurrently with the development of the more intense land use, with the following deviations:(a) When a new but less intense land use is developed adjoining a pre-existing developed site with a higher intensity use, the new use is subject to providing the required land use buffer. (b) When a new but less intense land use is responsible for providing the required land use buffer, the developer may reduce the required buffer by one buffer type with acknowledgement of the buffer reduction clearly noted on the development plan. (c) The development of an individual single family residence or duplex is exempt from providing the required buffer (3) In interpreting and applying the provisions of buffers, development is classified into categories shown in Table 6.8-1.

APPLICANT - County is requesting total relief from buffer requirements for this site. The proposed drainage retention area is a retrofit within an existing neighborhood with no stormwater management system. The site is remote and has no water available for irrigation. Additionally, the required buffers unnecessarily increase the construction costs and long-term maintenance costs of the project.

DENIED with recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval of the proposed plan

This waiver will be scheduled for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Attendance is required at this meeting. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Auditorium. Please inform the County Engineer, Steven Cohoon, of your arrival prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Please feel free to call (352) 671-8686 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Your Development Review Team
Office of the County Engineer