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Dexter Legg, Chair Portsmouth Planning Board 1 Junkins Avenue – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Portsmouth, NH 03801

Re: 325 Little Harbor Road – Tax Map 205 Lot 2 – Conditional Use Permit

Dear Mr. Legg:

On behalf of our client ADL Portsmouth Residence Trust, MSC a division of TFMoran, Inc. hereby submits this application for a Conditional Use Permit for the renovation of an existing detached accessory dwelling unit located at 325 Little Harbor Road.

Enclosed are 12 copies of an Existing Conditions Plan, Conditional Use Permit Plan, architectural sketches and renderings, and owner's authorization letter. Also enclosed are 10 copies for Conservation Commission review.

The property contains only one principal dwelling. The remaining structures on the property are a carriage house, barn, and a detached accessory dwelling unit which was formerly a caretaker's house for a school that previously occupied the island. The project proposes the renovation of the two-story caretaker's house, built in the 1800s. The house's gross floor area is 2,435 S.F. which is located on an 11.24-acre island known as Belle Isle.

The ADL Portsmouth Residence Trust is owned by Anthony DiLorenzo, who resides permanently in the principal dwelling unit on the property of 325 Little Harbor Road, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He has named his son Rocco Michael Lewis, his 3-year-old son, the beneficiary of the Trust, who's primary residence is also 325 Little Harbor Road, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

In accordance with the City of Portsmouth Zoning Ordinances, *Article 10.814*, the proposal shall comply with the following principles:

## The principal dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit shall not be separated in ownership.

The proposed project to renovate the existing detached accessory dwelling unit will not affect the ownership of the property. Ownership will remain with ADL Portsmouth Residence Trust.

Either the principal dwelling unit or the accessory dwelling unit shall be occupied by the owner of the dwelling.



The owner, ADL Portsmouth Residence Trust, will continue to occupy the principal dwelling unit.

Neither the principal dwelling nor the accessory dwelling unit shall be used for any business, except that the property owner may have a home occupation use in the unit that he or she occupies as allowed or permitted elsewhere in this Ordinance.

Neither the primary dwelling unit nor the accessory dwelling unit will be used for business.

In a General Residence district, the combination of the principal dwelling and the Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (DADU) shall comply with the minimum lot area per dwelling unit specified for the district.

The property is not located in a General Residence District.

The DADU shall not have more than two bedrooms and shall not be larger than 750 sq. ft. gross floor area; except that the maximum gross floor area shall be 1,000 sq. ft. if the lot area is 2 acres or more.

We respectfully request dimensional modifications to allow the existing building footprint and height to remain as they currently exist. The existing structure is a 24.2' tall, 3-bedroom house with a gross floor area of 2,435 S.F., where a maximum of 1,000 S.F. and 2-bedrooms are permitted. The DADU is located on an 11.24-acre parcel and was constructed in the 1800s. Reducing the DADU to 1,000 S.F. or less would require demolition of a portion of an existing historical structure. Given the size of the lot and the historical value of the building, we believe it's better to leave the size at 2,435 S.F. rather than demolish a portion of a historical building.

## The DADU shall be separated from the single-family dwelling by at least 20 feet.

The existing Caretaker's House currently lies 136' northeast of the principal dwelling unit.

Exterior design of the ADU is compatible with the existing residence on the lot through architectural use of building forms, scale and construction materials.

The detached accessory dwelling unit will be re-sided similar to the existing buildings on the lot.

The site plan provides adequate open space and landscaping that is useful for both the ADU and the primary dwelling.

The proposed changes do not contribute to an alteration of open space. There is currently 90.8% open space on the island and will remain the same.

The ADU will maintain a compatible relationship to adjacent properties in terms of location and design, and will not significantly reduce the privacy of adjacent properties.

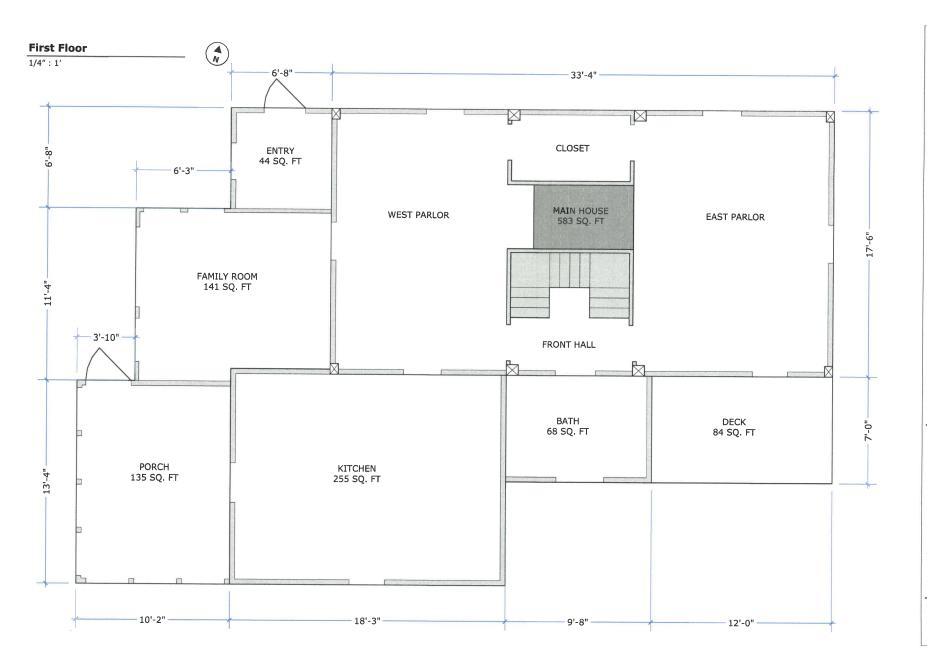
The ADU is an existing building located on an island. It will not alter or reduce privacy of adjacent properties.

## The ADU will not result in excessive noise, traffic or parking congestion.

The building being converted to an ADU exists on site today. It is currently an unoccupied building. Once converted, it has the ability to have additional people. Since the ADU is still owned by the principal dwelling owner, it would be leased out on a selected basis. This will not contribute to excessive noise, traffic, or parking congestion.

Respectfully Submitted, MSC a division of TFMoran, Inc.

Corey Colwell, LLS Division Manager / Principal



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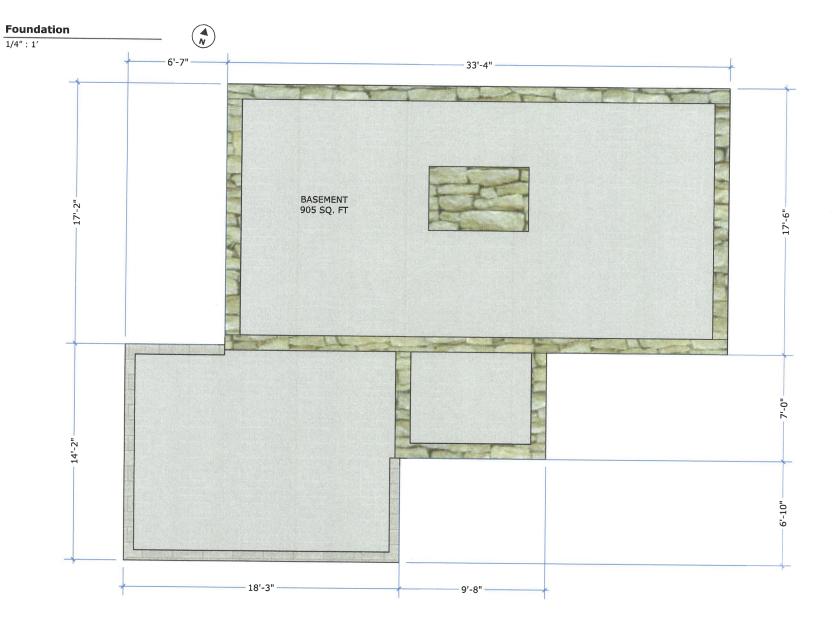
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1/4":1' 33'-4" MAIN, HOUSE 583 SQ. FT WEST BEDROOM EAST BEDROOM FRONT HALL BATH 68 SQ. FT MASTER BEDROOM 259 SQ. FT 6'-10" 18'-3"

9'-8" -

12'-0"

**Second Floor** 





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