

September 8, 2017

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**Josh Morris  
Senior Planner  
Town of Burlington  
Town Hall Annex  
25 Center Street  
Burlington, MA 01803Re: Northeastern University - 145 South Bedford Street Campus, Burlington, Massachusetts  
Application for Exempt Educational Use  
Section 5.1.4, 7.2.4 and 9.3.1.1 of the Zoning Bylaws

Dear Josh:

Please note that the undersigned and this firm represent Northeastern University, a nonprofit educational corporation duly organized under Massachusetts law and operated as a public charity pursuant to state and federal taxation law (hereinafter, the "University"). As part of its educational mission, the University is proposing to construct a 150' x 200' exterior net to be connected to an existing building as part of its graduate teaching and research institute program ("Project") on its property located at 145 South Bedford Street (hereinafter, the "University Land").

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 9.3.1.1 of the Burlington Zoning Bylaws, amended through May 2017 (hereinafter, the "Bylaw Regulations") we hereby submit a Site Plan Waiver request on behalf of the University to permit the Project as detailed on the enclosed plans and will further be presented during the Planning Board public meeting process. No alterations to the square footage of the existing buildings on the University Land are being proposed as part of the Project.

The Project will result in a decrease in overall available parking spaces (approximate reduction of 175+/- spaces) but said remaining spaces will be sufficient to service the needs of the University faculty, staff and graduate students utilizing the University Land. Based on the unique educational mission of the Institute, the Bylaw provision under Section 7.2.4.5 addressing parking requirements for educational uses does not accurately accommodate the operations of the Institute and, as such we would respectfully request authorization of the modified parking scheme as provided on the enclosed materials.

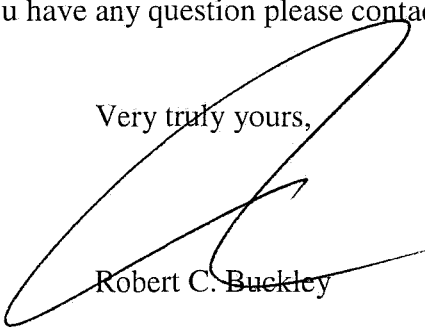
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For your consideration, we have enclosed twelve (12) copies of the following materials:

1. Executed Site Plan Waiver Application Form;
2. Check made payable in the amount of \$500.00 for the requisite filing fee;
3. Certified Abutter's List and mailing labels; and,
5. Record Site Plan and Project Detail Sheet.

We look forward to appearing before the Planning Board to present this matter during their meeting of September 21, 2017. In the interim, if you have any question please contact me.

Very truly yours,



Robert C. Buckley

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Enclosures

cc: Lisa Ulbrich, Northeastern University (w/enclosures)

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