



To Margate Community Redevelopment Agency:

I am Phong Truong, owner of Vo An Vietnamese Restaurant, located at 1821 N. State Rd 7. Approximately six months ago I applied and received the (Business Improvement Grant) to renovate and improve the interior of the building. The grant award is up to (25k) but I have invested over (100K) on the interior alone.

I am formally requesting a 45-day extension of the Business Improvement Grant.

The building interior is pretty much complete with the exception of some minor punch-out items, such as hanging fixtures and televisions. The gas company needs to make the connections and run the lines to the Hood, this is normally done prior to opening due to safety concerns.

The reasons why I am asking for an extension, is that there are 18 open permit on this job, such as electrical, plumbing mechanical, engineering etc. But they only have one permit number. Although the interior is pretty much complete, I can't call for final inspection to receive a CO/CC until the exterior renovation is complete. For an example some the electrical conduit is tied to the outside lighting.

Secondly, when I submitted my original site plans for review by the City they got lost and I had to pay for new site plans and resubmit an 2<sup>nd</sup> time which cause a delay of a month and a half.

Thirdly, the weather played a role in in my delay, we had a lot of rain for a few months including hurricane Dorian, which set me back approximately 3 weeks.

Here is an update on the completion of the exterior:

Roof for Patio: 70% completed  
Exterior Paint: 100% completed  
Irrigation: 100% completed  
Landscaping: 60% completed  
Parking lot Lighting: 70% Completed

I am humbly asking for a 45-day extension, but my personal goal is to have a grand opening on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Phong Truong

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Phong Truong", written in a cursive, flowing style.