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To: Nick Klimenko

Orland Square Mall has had a train ride for about 25 years. It has always been a top attraction in the mall and the visitors love it. The train ride was in the Sears Court for a few years until the mall's major renovation. Since the renovation was completed, the mall managers should have brought it back right away, but neglected to do so. The current mall manager and management feel like it's a great addition to the tenant mix. They are trying to attract more people into the mall in the best ways possible. They want to attract more families and small children. They are ready to have it back in the mall as a year-round attraction for shoppers and kids. Visitors have been asking for it back ever since it left.

I understand your concerns and would like to point out a few things that might assist your decision to make this footprint work well in the Sears Court. The mall management at Orland Square wants to work with the Village in making this attraction viable in their mall. The mall has no issue with the size of the layout and they believe that it is completely safe for their guests.

*We are asking for assistance with this and ask for a code variance to be granted for this matter due to the following details and circumstances:*

All of the spacing between the train's fencing and the stores meets all requirements. There are about 25-30 feet from the train to the Sears anchor store. There are 20 feet on the side of the train to the Gap store. There is a blue print of floor space attached to this.

I understand that the Village has concerns regarding the train layout's square footage. The permit application asks for a space of 20x25 (500 Sq Ft). In the past, it was twice as large and we had no issues with spacing and room for patrons to move about the mall. It left the mall solely for renovation, but due to several mall management changes, placing it back into mall was delayed too long. The new management doesn't understand why they didn't bring it back right after renovation.

We don't have a permit # because Kevin told us to hold off until this gets approved by your department. We can visit your offices and apply whenever you advise.

We have no plans on retail. It's strictly a ride with fencing around it. We have no flammables or fabrics for sale. We will not have a kiosk. Only kids rides.

We have the train and area inspected by a professional registered State of Illinois Registered Amusement Inspector who is very familiar with this operation.

Orland Square management and I appreciate your time in this matter and are truly hoping for a positive response in welcoming this back to the mall. Please contact me with any questions/concerns in this matter. Thank you for your time. Todd Greenstein ph. 708-309-1699

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