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Hi Michael,

Just approved the VEP for 2057 University. Please log and file the claim.

Thanks,

Katrina

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Subject: RE: Customer#120378-260035 - 2057 University

Hi Veronica,

Thanks for your message about 2057 University and the 2024 Empty Homes Tax.

Staff has reviewed your materials and has determined that the subject property is eligible for the Disaster Vacancy Exclusion Period. No additional information is needed. Staff will provide you with an approval letter within the next month and rescind the tax bill you received.

Thanks,

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing regarding the property located at **2057 University**, which suffered a fire on **November 21, 2020**.

Over the past several years, we have taken every required step to restore the building:

1. We submitted the **easement documents**, which have been in process for almost four years.
2. We submitted all **plans and permit documentation** necessary for the restoration work.
3. We have continued to pay **relocation fees** to the tenants who were displaced as a result of the fire.

Due to the extensive delays associated with the easement process and the permitting requirements, we respectfully request a **two-year extension**. This additional time is essential to complete the restoration of the building and to bring it back to a habitable and compliant condition.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and your assistance in helping us move forward after the significant damage caused by the fire.

Please let us know if any additional information or documentation is needed.

Sincerely,

Veronica Velazquez

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