#### Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs



#### **Governing Board**

#### **Board Action Request**

File #: 1130 Agenda Date: 9/4/2025 Agenda #:

Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a Material Amendment to the Housing Tax Credit Application for Bird Creek Senior Living (HTC #24045)

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

WHEREAS, Bird Creek Senior Living (Development) received an award of 9% Housing Tax Credits (HTCs) in 2024 for the new construction of 102 multifamily units for the elderly population in Temple, Bell County;

WHEREAS, Temple TXHP LP (Applicant) requests approval for a significant modification of the architectural design, including a reduction of the size of and change in configuration of the floor plan of the sole building, and increase in the number of floors from three to having portions of both four and five floors, resulting in no change in net rentable area and a slight increase in the common area;

WHEREAS, the Applicant requests approval for a significant modification of the site plan, including a 16.66% decrease in site area from 6.667 acres to 5.556 acres, associated with the driveway being built on an access easement on site area for which the site seller retained ownership rather than built on a purchased site area as proposed at Application, which results in a 20.00% increase in residential density, from 15.30 units per acre to 18.36 units per acre;

WHEREAS, Board approval is required for a significant modification of the site plan, a significant modification of the architectural design of the Development, and a modification of the residential density of at least 5% as directed in Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6712(d)(1), (5), and (6), and in 10 TAC §10.405(a)(4)(A), (E), and (F), and the Applicant has complied with the amendment requirements therein; and

**WHEREAS,** the requested changes do not negatively affect the Development, impact the viability of the transaction, impact the scoring of the Application, or impact the HTC award;

#### NOW, therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED,** that the requested material amendment to the Housing Tax Credit Application for Bird Creek Senior Living is approved as presented at this meeting, and the Executive Director and his designees are each authorized, directed, and empowered to take all necessary action to effectuate the foregoing.

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#### **BACKGROUND**

Bird Creek Senior Living was approved for a 9% HTC award in 2024 for the construction of 102 units, of which all are designated as low-income units, of multifamily housing for the elderly population in Temple, Bell County. In a letter dated July 22, 2025, Sallie Burchett, the representative of the Applicant, requested approval for a material amendment to the Application for a significant modification of the site plan, a significant modification of the architectural design, and a density increase of 20.0%, from 15.30 units per acre to 18.36 units per acre.

The significant modifications of the architectural design include a redesign of the sole building from three floors to four and five floors height in different portions and a smaller building footprint. There are no requested changes to the Net Rentable Area (NRA), unit count, unit mix, or set-asides. Additionally, the changes to the architectural design of the Development result in a slight increase to the Common Area, from 17,082 square feet at Application to 17,456 square feet.

The significant modifications of the site plan include a 16.7% reduction of the site area, from 6.667 acres to 5.556 acres. As originally proposed, the site purchase was to include area for a driveway connecting from the northeast corner of the site to West K Avenue to the east of the site, and the Applicant was to construct the driveway and then dedicate the driveway area to the City of Temple. Due to the City of Temple's preference, the driveway area has been moved southward from connecting between West K Avenue and the northeast corner of the site to connecting between West K Avenue and the southeast corner of the site. The seller consented to this change but requested that the seller retain ownership of the driveway area on an access easement rather than on land purchased by the Applicant. The reduction in site area increases density 20.0%, from 15.30 units per acre to 18.36 units per acre. The Applicant indicated that the reason for the request to modify the site plan is that the City of Temple (the City) prefers moving the access driveway southward because the City states doing so maximizes safety and integration into the City's existing street network.

The Applicant indicated that the reason for the request to modify the architectural design of the building is that the engineering process revealed that due to the sloped site it was preferable to make the building four floors on the street side and five floors on the downhill creek side, versus the extensive grading and retaining walls that would have been necessary to maintain the design as three floors on grade.

The Applicant reports that the price paid for the site did not change, and that the changes have no financial impact on the Development. Staff confirmed that the revised design plans and parking would continue to meet accessibility requirements. Additionally, staff reviewed the original Application and scoring documentation against this amendment request, and has concluded that none of the changes would have affected the scoring or selection of the Application in the competitive round.

Staff recommends approval of the Application amendment as presented herein.

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July 22, 2025

Mr. Jonathan Chilson Asset Manager (Regions 8, 11, & 12) Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs 221 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, TX 78701

Via: jonathan.chilson@tdhca.texas.gov

Re: Bird Creek Senior Living, TDHCA #24045, Temple, TX

Dear Mr. Chilson:

Please accept this formal request for a material amendment to #24045 Bird Creek Senior Living. For full construction documents, the design needed modifications that resulted in 3 amendment components: site plan, architectural design, and density increase. The amendment will not have a financial impact on the Development.

#### **Changes Requested**

The changes requested are threefold. Due to these changes, the Applicant is requesting approval for the following material amendment components:

- 1) Significant modification of the site plan | An alternate connection to Avenue K that will be an easement, rather than a dedicated public street at the request of the land seller.
- 2) Significant modification of the architectural design | The footprint of the building is now smaller with 5 stories on the creek side and 4 stories on the streetside rather than a larger 3 story building.
- 3) Density increase of at least 5% | The site acreage has been reduced from 6.667 acres to 5.556 acres (see item 1) Accordingly, the density is increasing from 15.30 units per acre to 18.36 units per acre.

#### Reason the Change is Necessary & Good Cause for the Change

- 1) Following Application, the Applicant has maintained steady communication with the City of Temple about the Development. Based on the City's review, the City advised the Applicant to modify the connection to the existing street network for improved safety. The final connection moved south per the City's Transportation requirements. The Seller was amenable to the change, but requested the connector be an easement rather than a full transfer of property. As a result, the acreage decreased. The residential density at Application was 15.299 units per acre. With the reduction in acreage, the residential density will increase to 18.359 units per acre. This is 3.06 units per acre density increase of approximately 20.00%.
- 2) Associated with full engineering documents, the building built on a slope needed to shift slightly. The Development has a modified site plan and architectural design to meet the development code. The original 3-story building design is now 4-stories on the streetside of the building, and 5-stories on the downhill creek side.

#### **Explanation of Foreseeable or Preventable Nature**

- 1) At the time of Application, the Applicant planned for the northeast corner of the Development Site to serve as the Development's entry point. The City of Temple's requirement for access at a different location was unknown at the time of Application.
- 2) Full engineering documents revealed a smaller and cost effective footprint for the building built into the slope rather than significant grading and retaining walls. Thus the design resulted in a 4 to 5 story building in lieu of 3 stories.

#### **Common Area**

With the aforementioned changes, the total common area in the revised architectural plans increased. The common area is 2.1% more than at Application. Because the change is an increase in common area and is not more than 3% change, the Applicant does not need to request an amendment for this change and is instead notifying the Department.

As required, we are submitting the \$2,500 material amendment fee. Thank you for marshaling the amendment request through the system. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Sallie Burchett

Consultant to the Project

#### **Attachments**

A – Amendment Request Form

B.1 – Survey at Closing

B.2 – Survey at Application

C.1 – Site Plan at Closing

C.2 – Site Plan at Application

D.1 – Architectural Plans: Building Floor Plans at Closing

D.2 – Architectural Plans: Building Floor Plans at Application

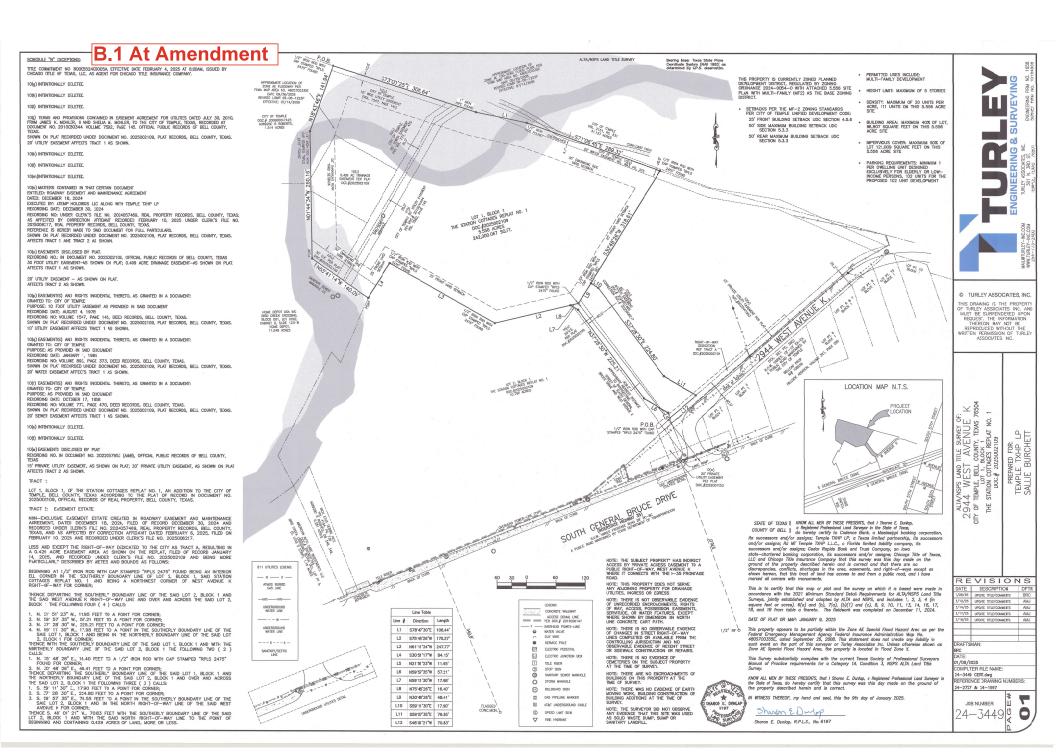
E.1 – Architectural Plans: Elevations at Closing

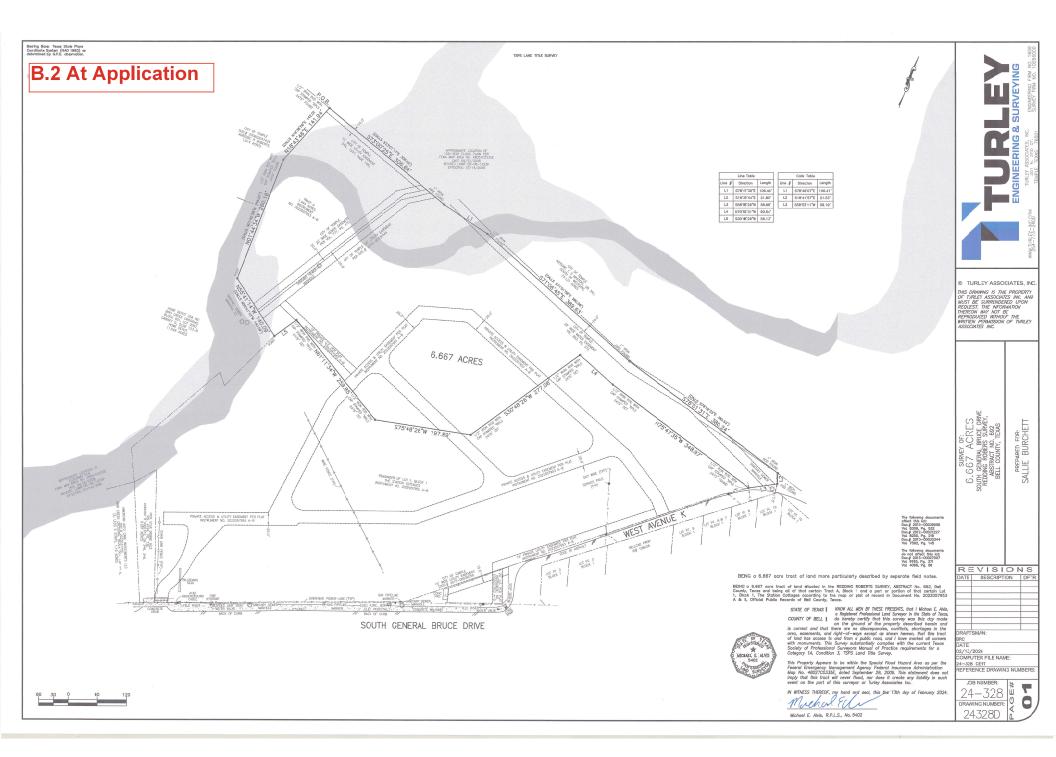
E.2 – Architectural Plans: Elevations at Application

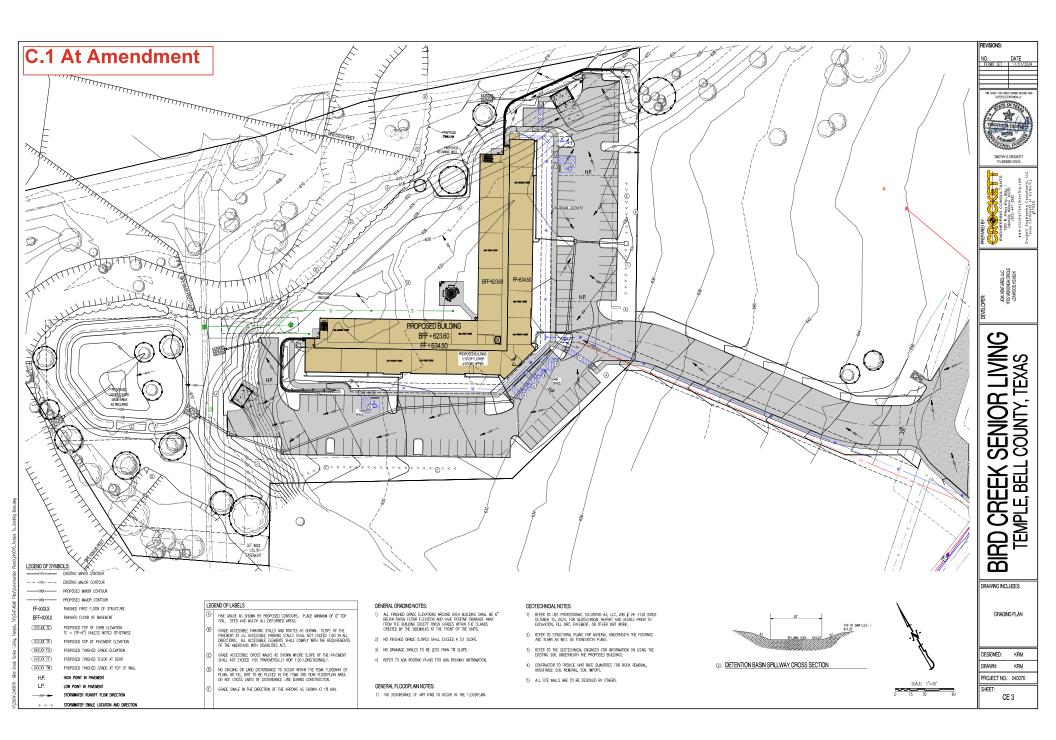
F.1 – Common Area Calculation at Closing

F.2 – Common Area Calculation at Application

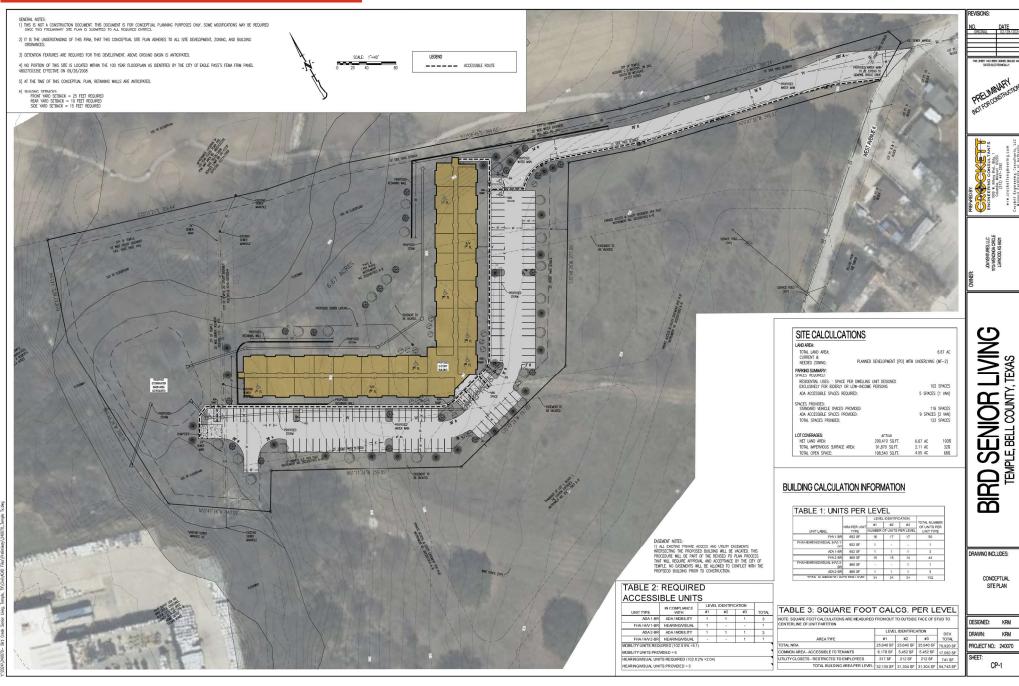
G – No Financial Impact Letter



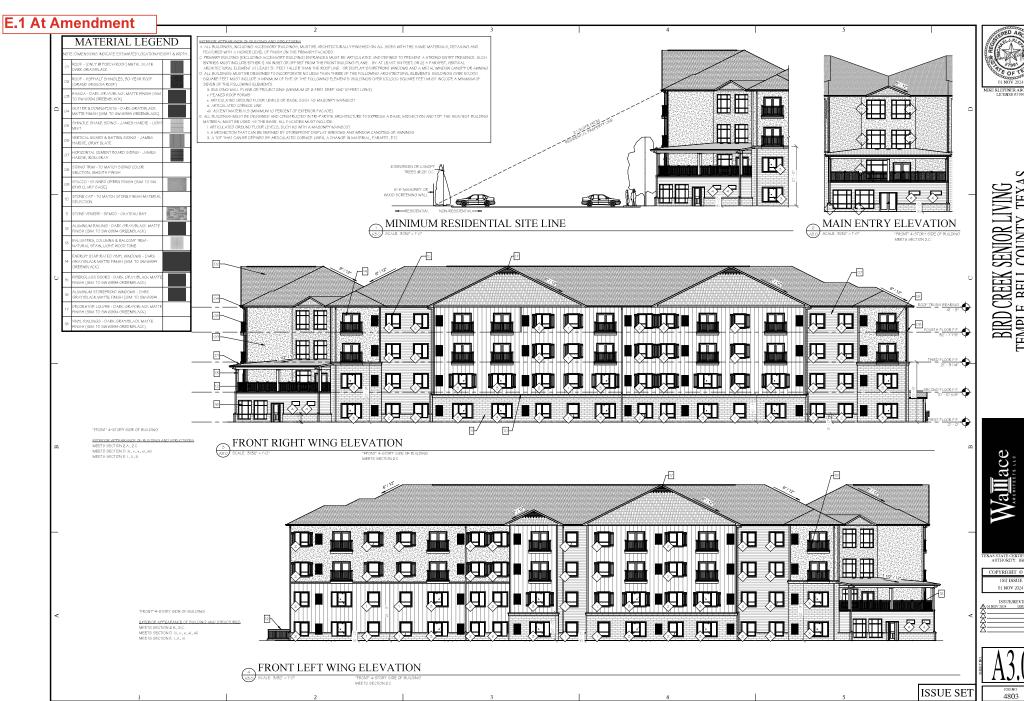




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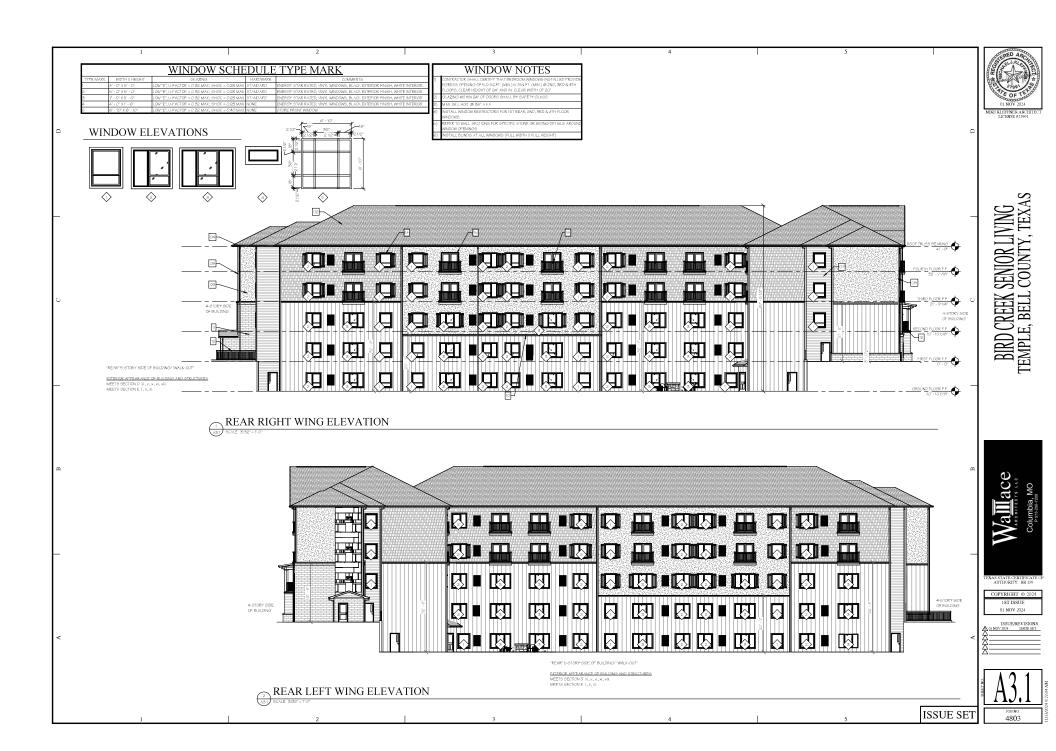


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## F.1 Common Area at Amendment

### **Bird Creek Senior Living Common Area Calculations**

Amenities:	Common Area	Not in Common Area	Notes
Ground Floor			
Common Area	351		
Enclosed Corridors	2404		
Elevator	63		
Stairwells	282		
Trash Chute	59		
1st Floor			
Leasing/Manager's Office	191		
Office Closet		43	
Mail Lobby	158		
Restrooms (unisex)	57		
Common Area	241		
Enclosed Corridors	2712		
Stairwells	286		
Entry Porch	56		
Mechanical	1	63	
Storage	<del> </del>	15	
Trash Chute	59	13	
2nd Floor	33		
Kitchenette	302		
Kitchen Closet	18		
Sitting Area	68		
Patio	609		
Enclosed Corridors	2577		
Stairwells	286		
Elevator Mechanical	200	63	
Trash Chute	59	03	
3rd Floor	39		
	117		
Library	117		
Computer Room	-		
Computer Room Closet	19		
Sitting Area	68		
Enclosed Corridors	2577		
Stairwells	288		
Elevator Mechanical		63	
Trash Chutes	59		
4th Floor			
Game Room	302		
Game Room Closet	19		
Sitting Area	68		
Trash Room	59		
Mechanical		63	
Stairs	286		
Corridors	2577		
	17456	310	Not in common area

Net area (TDHCA common area + other area not 17766 included in NRA)

## **Bird Creek Senior Living Common Area Calculations**

## Not in Common area

	Common area	common area	
Amenities:			
1st Floor			See floor plans for breakdown of spaces
Leasing/Manager's Office	181		
Lobby	144		
Mail Lobby	149		
Kitchen	343		
Restrooms (unisex)	57		
Enclosed Corridors	3955		
Elevator	71		
Stairwells	447		west stairwell = 151 sf, central = 145 sf, east = 151 sf
Entry Porch	457		
Outdoor Gathering Area	374		
Mechanical		40	
Sprinkler Room		58	
Storage		47	
Elevator Mechanical		52	
Trash Chute		120	east and west (60 sf each)
2nd Floor			,
Fitness Center	510		
Business Center	228		
Community Room	202		
Restrooms (unisex)	57		
Enclosed Corridors	3937		
Elevator	71		
Stairwells	447		west stairwell = 151 sf, central = 145 sf, east = 151 sf
Storage		40	
Elevator Mechanical		52	
Trash Chute		120	east and west (60 sf each)
3rd Floor			
Library	355		
TV Lounge	511		
Community Room	202		
Restrooms (unisex)	57		
Enclosed Corridors	3809		
Elevator	71		
Stairwells	447		west stairwell = 151 sf, central = 145 sf, east = 151 sf
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Elevator Mechanical		52	
Trash Chutes		120	east and west (60 sf each)
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	17082	741	Not in common area
		•	Net area (TDHCA common area + other area not
		17823	included in NRA)
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### G. No Financial Impact Letter

Temple TXHP LP

July 11, 2025

Mr. Jonathan Chilson Asset Manager Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs 221 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, TX 78701

Via: jonathan.chilson@tdhca.state.tx.us

Re: Bird Creek Senior Living, TDHCA #24045, Temple, TX

Dear Mr. Chilson:

As the owner of Bird Creek Senior Living, I hereby certify that no sources, terms, conditions, or amounts of financing are impacted or changed by the amendment request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Andre

Owner