PART IV RECOMMENDATION FOR WAIVER OF SPECIFIC LIFE SAFETY CODE PROVISIONS

For each item of the Life Safety code recommended for waiver, list the survey report form item number and state the reason for the conclusion that: (a) the specific provisions of the code, if rigidly applied, would result in unreasonable hardship on the facility, and (b) the waiver of such unmet provisions will not adversely affect the health and safety of the patients. If additional space is required, attach additional sheet(s).

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K84 K073 Decorations do not comply with the combustibility requirements of LSC (00) Section(s) 18/19.7.5.4. Page 1 of 2	As permitted by S&C 12-21-LSC, an annual waiver is being requested for K073 to allow the use of combustible decorations on the walls, ceilings and non-fire-rated doors of resident rooms and common spaces to enable the facility to provide a more homelike setting for its residents. There will be no adverse effect on the facility's residents, visitors and staff since: 1. The use of combustible decorations conforms to the provisions of LSC(12), Sec. 18/19.7.5.6(4) including: a. Decorations on non-fire-rated doors do not interfere with the operation or required latching of the door. b. Decorations do not exceed 30 percent of the wall, ceiling and door areas in common spaces within a smoke compartment. c. Decorations do not exceed 50 percent of the wall, ceiling and door areas inside resident sleeping rooms. d. The building is protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic fire sprinkler system (consisting of quick-response sprinklers and) installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 13 and NFPA 25. (SELECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLY TO YOUR FACILITY) 2. Natural cut trees and vegetation, including holiday wreaths, are prohibited within the facility. 3. Combustible decorative materials are limited to not more than 9 sq ft in size and are separated from each other by a distance of at least 3 feet. 4. Decorations are located such that they do not interfere with the operation of any smoke detector, fire sprinkler, or other fire/life safety equipment. 5. Decorations are located such that they do not obstruct the visibility of any EXIT sign, exit door, visual fire alarm notification appliance, fire extinguisher or nurse call light.

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K84 K073 Decorations do not comply with the combustibility requirements of LSC (00) Section(s) 18/19.7.5.4. Page 2 of 2	Request for annual waiver for K073 to allow the use of combustible decorations on the walls, ceilings and non-fire-rated doors of resident rooms and common spaces (continued) 6. Decorations do not project more than 4 inches into the required width of egress corridors. 7. There are not more than two residents per sleeping room within the facility. 8. Facility corridors are protected by an electrically supervised automatic smoke detection system consisting of smoke detectors located and spaced in accordance with NFPA 72(99), Sec. 2-3.4. 9. Resident sleeping rooms are equipped with hard-wired automatic smoke detectors. 10. A decorations policy has been developed and implemented to ensure compliance with LSC(12), Sec. 18/19.7.5.6(4) and other conditions outlined in this waiver request. All residents and staff are given a copy of this policy. 11. All employees receive training on the facility decorations policy during new employee orientation and annually thereafter. 12. Housekeeping personnel monitor the use of decorations to help ensure on-going compliance with the facility decorations policy. 13. The facility is smoke-free and signs to that effect are prominently posted at all major entrances. 14. The building is of protected noncombustible construction.

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