

To Whom It May Concern

We request a waiver from UDO 18.15.020-1 to allow an exception to the 80% Class 1/Class 2 Material on the primary façade.

We propose that the development gym building is skinned in a façade of artisanal mosaic tile. The tile is arranged with alternating patterns of red and blue kites that are denser at the bottom while dispersing as the kites reach the sky. We believe this treatment of the cube would *result in superior design*, providing interest and variety in the building's primary façade. The design has been specifically laid out for the building in Olathe Kansas. It is a custom pattern/design that would be the first for this building prototype in the USA.

Mosaic tile is both functional and decorative, applying it to the a façade evokes traditional craftsmanship. In an era when the architectural landscape is dominated by buildings erected quickly and cheaply using mass-manufactured materials, mosaic offers an alternative that clearly expresses the care and skill involved in its creation.

In recent years, mosaic tiles have become a first-class material in many high-end buidlings, public spaces and community developments. I have included some examples of these for reference.

Thank you for your consideration

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