



August 13, 2020

Mr. Dion Irish, Commissioner  
Inspectional Services Department  
1010 Massachusetts Avenue  
Boston, MA 02118

Re: **Guidance for Permitting Off-campus Spaces for Temporary Institutional Uses**  
Boston College, Hotel Boston

Dear Commissioner Irish:

This letter serves as a recommendation to approve the temporary institutional uses for Boston College, as described herein, in accordance with the interdepartmental guidance (the "Guidance") towards permitting non-institutional spaces to be used for the purposes of institutional residential de-densification, issued by the City of Boston on July 9, 2020, and in accordance with the Boston Public Health Commission directive supporting this aim, issued June 24, 2020.

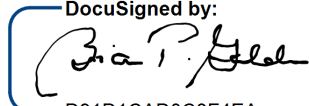
Boston College (the "University") submitted an application (the "Application") on August 7, 2020, detailing its plans for temporary occupancy of Hotel Boston in the Allston/Brighton Neighborhood Zoning District. The University is planning to occupy 74 rooms (the entire property) at single and double occupancy per room. Single occupancy rooms will be used as quarantine and/or isolation space. A portion of the parking at the hotel will be used for staff and campus police, and the cafe in the main building may be used as a physically distanced study space for students residing at the facility. The University will provide a shuttle service between the hotel and its campus. The occupancy of this property furthers the goal of campus de-densification.

The University has provided sufficient detail on scheduling of move-in/move-out procedures in compliance with public health recommendations on limiting the spread of COVID-19, as well as ongoing testing and isolation protocols for on-campus students. The University will have three staff members onsite at the aforementioned property as well as campus police. The University has been in touch with the predominant civic groups in the neighborhood(s) to inform the community of their plans to occupy this hotel, and the University intends to conduct student move-in beginning as early as August 17.

Given the above, BPDA Staff deems the University's Application for occupying this space in compliance with the Guidance and the Boston Public Health Commission's directive. BPDA Staff recommends that you permit the change of use for the proposed facility for a period of six months, beginning August 17, 2020, with the option for the University to renew for a similar period should that be deemed necessary and in accordance with the Guidance at that time, as well as in accordance with up-to-date public health recommendations.

If you have any further questions or require additional information, please contact Edward Carmody, Institutional Planner & Project Manager, at [Edward.Carmody@Boston.gov](mailto:Edward.Carmody@Boston.gov).

Sincerely,

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Brian Golden, Director