

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **SMOKE-FREE ZONE** surrounding Hospital of Saint Raphael and the Masjid Al-Islam,
Designation of Zone and authorization to install signs indicating the smoke-free boundaries
(Alderman Shah).

REPORT: 1433-11

ADVICE: Approval of smoke free zone around Hospital of Saint Raphael

BACKGROUND

The Hospital of Saint Raphael ("Hospital") has been working toward an initiative to become totally smoke-free effective November 19, 2009. This endeavor is just one of the many community improvement partnerships by the Hospital over the past few years. This initiative will encompass the interior and exterior of all properties and buildings owned and operated by the Hospital. The Hospital will install signs on the sidewalks indicating that the area is designated as smoke-free. The approval to designate the sidewalks as smoke-free would support the Hospital's efforts to help patients, visitors, and employees stop smoking while also providing a smoke-free environment at the Hospital.

The previous policy of the Hospital prohibited smoking inside the Hospital facilities but allowed individuals to smoke in a designated area outside. The new policy prohibits smoking within the buildings or grounds owned by the Hospital and will eliminate all on-campus smoking areas. This includes parking lots and garages and sidewalks surrounding the Hospital.

The proposed smoke-free boundaries at the Hospital are as follows:

- Chapel Street (even side) between Orchard Street and Sherman Avenue
- George Street (odd side) between Orchard Street and Sherman Avenue
- Orchard Street (even side) between George and Chapel Streets
- Sherman Avenue (odd side) between George and Chapel Streets

All employees, patients, volunteers, vendors, and visitors of the Hospital would be expected to comply with the proposed smoke-free policy. Hospital employees would not be able to leave the Hospital grounds during paid work-time to smoke and, as with other workplace policies, could face disciplinary action if they would not comply with the smoke-free policy. All hospital employees would be encouraged to inform people who are smoking on Hospital grounds that there is a policy prohibiting smoking. Security personnel would also actively work to maintain compliance with the smoke-free policy.

A similar measure was passed by the Board of Aldermen in the past for smoke-free boundaries surrounding Yale New Haven Hospital ("YNHH"). The two-year campaign to make Connecticut hospitals completely smoke-free was launched by the Connecticut Hospital Association in November 2008. As of mid-August, fourteen Connecticut hospitals, including YNHH, have already reached that goal. Ten other hospitals, including the Hospital of Saint Raphael, are planning to be smoke-free by 2010.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Commission notes that the Board has allowed other similar notices and zones in the public rights of way: such as "Drug Free" zones around schools. Given the enormous public cost related to lung diseases, the already poor air quality in New Haven and the special nature and high concentration of visitors and patients to the several Hospital Buildings, designation of smoke free zone seems a prudent action.

The proposed signage program will include fourteen signs to be mounted on the buildings and on sign posts installed on the hospital grounds behind the sidewalks.

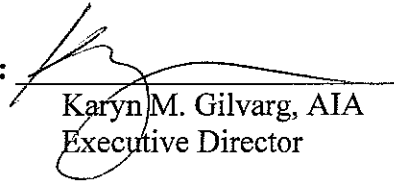
ADVICE

The Commission recommends approval of the smoke-free zone for the Hospital. The designation of the zone by signage on the Hospital's private property shall be initiated and maintained by the Hospital. Enforcement shall be the responsibility of the Hospital.

The Commission reserves the opportunity to comment at a later date on the designation of a smoke-free zone at Masjid Al-Islam.

ADOPTED: October 21, 2009
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST:


Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director



These grounds and sidewalks are smoke-free.
 Thank you for not smoking.



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(9) signs to be mounted to building columns
 (5) signs to be post & panel style

Signs are 18" x 24" x 1/8" aluminum with radiused edges, painted PMS320 Teal with PMS330 Teal 2" x 2" x 60" aluminum posts. All Post signs are double faced. All Wall signs are single faced.



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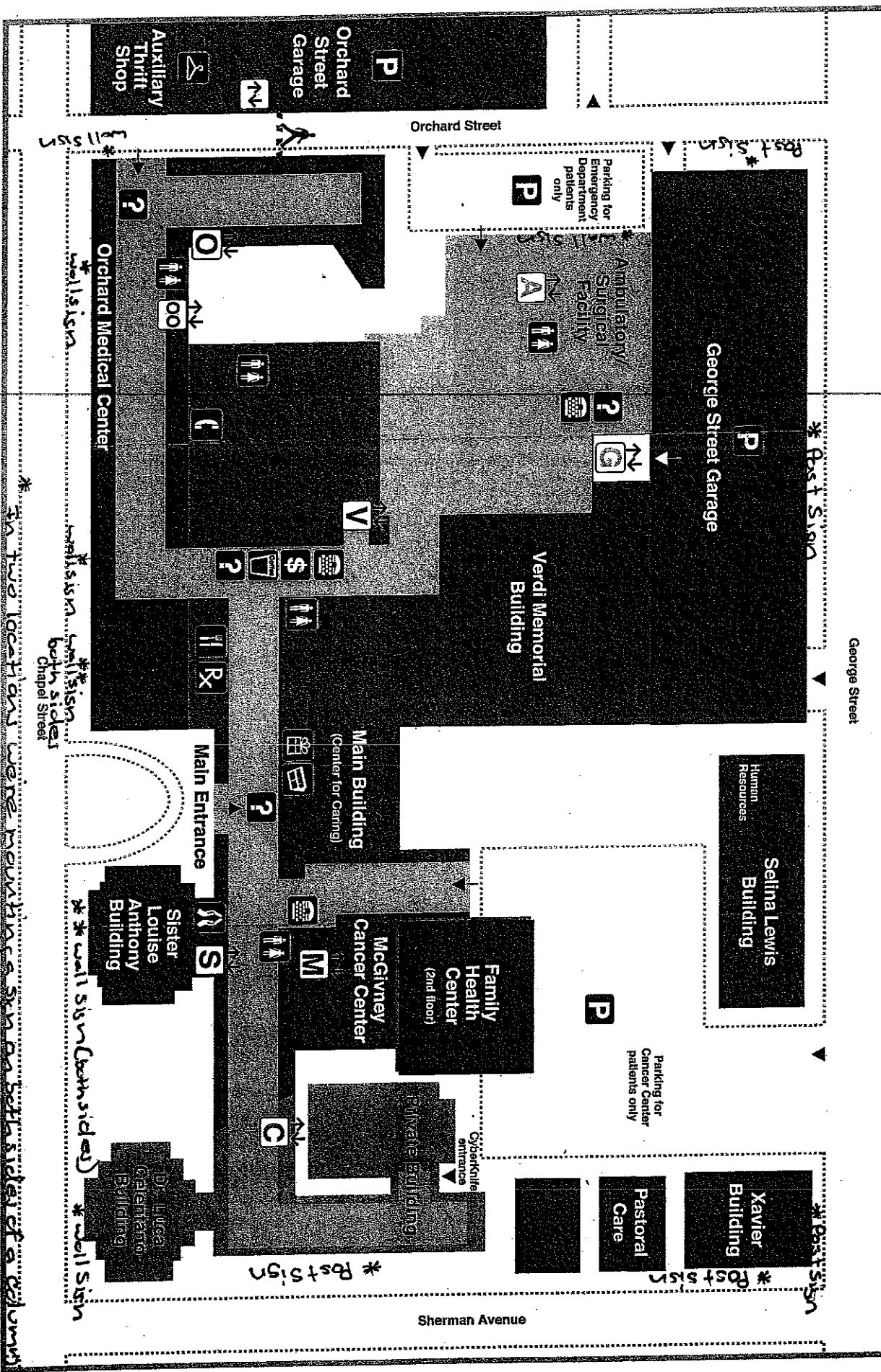
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Hospital of Saint Raphael

Post signs = 5
 Wall signs = 9
 Total signs = 14



The use of cellular, two-way radios or push-to-talk phones is permitted in most public areas of the hospital. To limit noise so patients can rest, please set your phone to silent or vibrate. Also, watch for signs that restrict use, especially in certain patient care areas. Taking photos is not allowed.

Saint Raphael's is committed to maintaining a smoke-free facility and protecting the health and safety of our patients, visitors and employees. We request no smoking within 25 feet of our buildings or entrances. Thank you for your cooperation.