

# District Authorizes Watergate Project

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### Developer Says He Will Accept Plan Revisions

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The District Department of Licenses and Inspections today authorized a start on Watergate Town based on the developer's agreement to change building plans to comply with the wishes of the Fine Arts Commission.

Julian P. Green, assistant superintendent of the division, said the permit was issued to the Watergate Realty Co. with the agreement of the Fine Arts Commission.

The permit authorizes excavation and foundation work for the first stage of the project.

Watergate Town will be located by the Potomac River on a site surrounded by Rock Creek drive, New Hampshire avenue and Virginia avenue N.W.

On January 10, the developers wrote Mr. Green advising him that they would modify their plans to conform with the Fine Arts Commission's request.

The commission had two major objections to the plans for this first phase of the project.

William Walton, chairman of the commission, said the plans for this phase should allow apartments no higher than the Lincoln Memorial.

The commission also objected to 12 villas the developer planned to build between the apartment houses and the river.

#### Restudy in February

The developer has agreed to remove one or more stories from the original design to meet the height objections, and also has agreed to eliminate the villas.

The developer is expected to go back to the Fine Arts Commission with the entire plan, including the modifications, for final approval at the commission's February meeting. However, their letter indicating compliance with the commission's two objections is the major development that prompted authorization to go ahead with the first stage of the project.

The entire cost of the project has been estimated at \$60 million.