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In downtown Stamford, construction set to finally begin on 13-story apartment building

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130 BROAD STREET
View from Broad Street



Additional approvals for a proposed 13-story residential building on Broad Street in Stamford were granted by the Zoning Board. The design of an underpass, depicted in this rendering, was submitted and reviewed.
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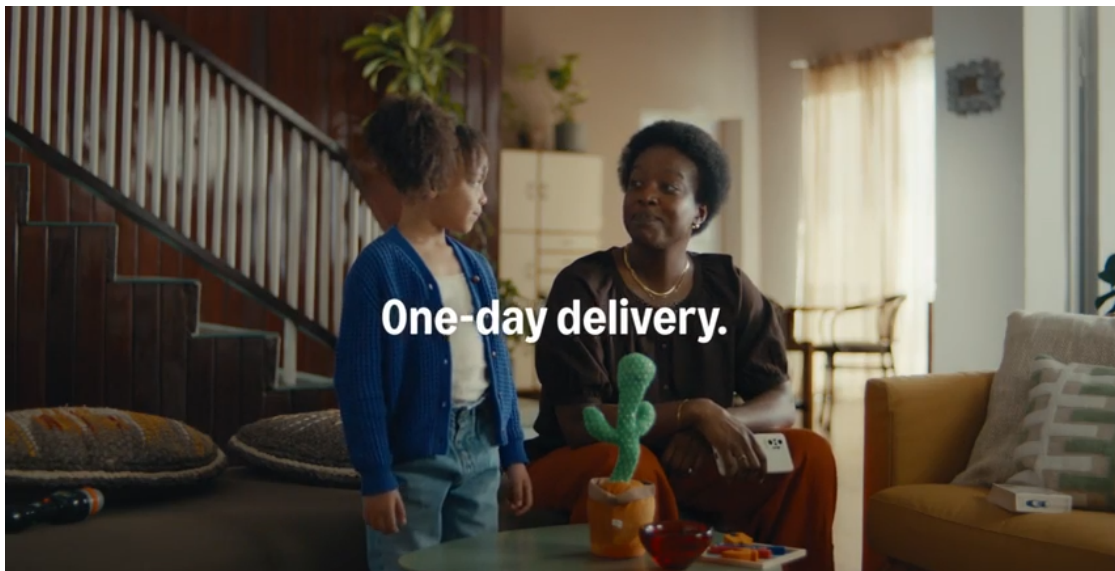
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STAMFORD — Plans for a 198-unit apartment building at 128 Broad Street were approved over two years ago by the Stamford Zoning Board, but the site has remained vacant since then.



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Now, the residential construction project is poised to begin construction, and a building permit is being issued for the building this summer. Several additional approvals necessary for the building permit, including a lighting plan and a landscaping plan, were granted by the Zoning Board last week.

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"It's been two years," said Michael Cacace, the attorney representing the development team, Stamford-based [F.D. Rich Company](#). "You have have complicated site, and we spent the last two years dealing with a number of issues."

Cacace said easement issues at the site, bisected by Gay Street, a small street that provides access to the Bedford parking area, were among the complicating factors. Financial and logistical issues were other factors, he said.

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"We have secured financing, and we expect to close in the next couple of days," Cacace told the Zoning Board. "We have been working hard to button up the loose ends in order to pull a building permit."

The development team has submitted a landscaping plan, a lighting plan and a design for the Gay Street underpass, which were required under the terms of the original approval.

The Zoning Board had expressed an interest in making the underpass as well-lit as possible, and the design team said that goal was being met.

"We're really trying to illuminate all four sides of the underpass, to create as bright and welcoming space as we possibly can," said architect Andrew Ostrander.

The anticipated completion of the 13-story building is for spring 2027, according to the F.D. Rich Company.

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The board granted the administrative approvals to the latest submissions from the developers. "They're ready to pull a building permit and get going, that's terrific," commented Zoning Board chairman David Stein.

The lot where the apartment building is due to rise has been vacant for many years, and it was once the site of a [Dress Barn store](#).

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