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### SUBDIVISION REVIEW SHEET

<u>CASE NO.</u>: C8-2018-0032.0A <u>Z.A.P. DATE</u>: April 2, 2019

March 19, 2019

**SUBDIVISION NAME:** West Courtyard Subdivision

**AREA**: 3.267 acres **LOT(S)**: 2

OWNER/APPLICANT: Richard A. Engel AGENT: Perales Engineering, LLC

(Jerry Perales)

**ADDRESS OF SUBDIVISION:** 6910 West Courtyard Drive

**GRIDS**: MF - 30 **COUNTY**: Travis

**WATERSHED:** Bull Creek **JURISDICTION:** Full Purpose

EXISTING ZONING: I-RR DISTRICT: 10

PROPOSED LAND USE: Residential

SIDEWALKS: Sidewalks will be provided along West Courtyard Drive and Finklea Cove.

<u>VARIANCE REQUEST</u>: From LDC 25-8-301(A) prohibiting construction of a driveway on slopes greater than 15 percent, unless to provide primary access to an area of at least 2 contiguous acres with a slope of less than 15 percent, or at least five residential units. (SEE ATTACHED EXHIBT A)

**<u>DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>**: The request is for approval of the variance from LDC 25-8-301(A) listed above and a subdivision, namely, West Courtyard Subdivision. The proposed plat is composed of 2 lots on 3.267 acres.

The variance request was presented to the Environmental Commission on February 6, 2019 by the Environmental Reviewer. Staff did not recommend approval of the variance. After hearing the merits of the request – the Environmental Commission voted to approve the variance with conditions. The Environment Commission recommendation is included with the other items in the attached Exhibit A.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The staff does not recommend approval of the variance, therefore staff does not recommend approval of the subdivision. This plat will not meet all applicable City of Austin and State Local Government code requirements without approval of the variance.

**ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION:** 3/19/19: Postponed to 4/2/19 applicant's request with neighborhood in support. (6-0)

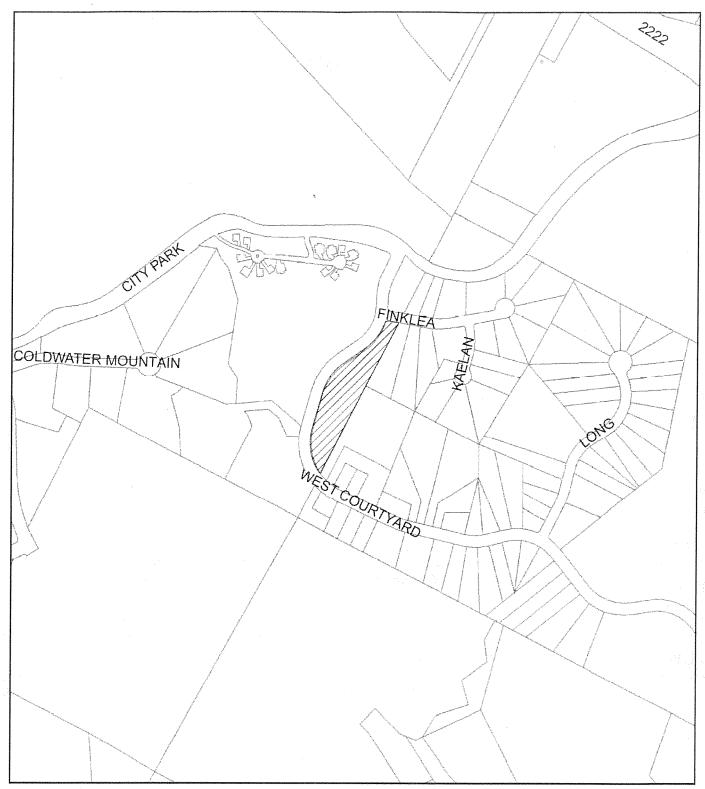
CASE MANAGER: Sylvia Limon PHONE: 512-974-2767

**E-mail:** Sylvia.limon@austintexas.gov

Environmental Reviewer: Pamela Abee-Taulli PHONE: 512-974-1879

E-mail: Pamela. Abee-Taulli@austintexas.gov

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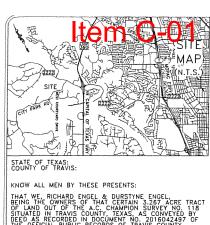
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Base Map LOCATION: 6910 WEST COURTYARD DR

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THAT WE, RICHARD ENGEL & DURSTYNE ENGEL.
BEING THE OWNERS OF THAT CERTAIN 3.267 ACRE TRACT
OF LAND OUT OF THE A.C CHAMPION SUBVEY WO, 118
SITUATED IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AS CONVEYED BY
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THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY,
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED MAP OR PLAT
SHOWN HERON, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 212 OF THE
TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS:

FINAL PLAT OF THE WEST COURTYARD SUBDIVISION

AND DO HEREBY DEDICATE TO THE PUBLIC, THE USE OF THE STREETS AND EASEMENTS SHOWN HEREON, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS HERETOFORE GRANTED AND NOT RELEASED.

RICHARD ENGEL DATE:

DURSTYNE ENGEL DATE

STATE OF TEXAS:

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED RICHARD ENGEL & DURSTYNE ENGEL KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSONS WHOSE NAME IS SUBSCRIBED TO THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEGGED TO ME THAT HE EXECUTED THE SAME IN THE CAPACITY THEREIN STATED FOR THE PURPOSES AND CONSIDERATION THE PURPOSES AND CONSIDERATION THERE ARE ADMINISTRATION TO THE PURPOSE AND CONSIDERATION THE PURPOSE AND CONSIDERATIO

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS (NAME:\_\_\_\_\_

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:\_\_\_\_

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, DONALD "MATT" COOKSTON, AM AUTHORIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS TO PRACTICE THE PROFESSION OF SURVIVING AND HEREBY CETTIFY THAT THIS PLAT COMPUES BOTH THE SURVEYING RELATED PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1988 AS AWENDED, IS TRUE AND CORRECT, AND WAS PREPARED FROM AN ACTUAL SURVEY OF THE PROFERTY MADE BY ME OR MADE UNDER MY IN JANUARY OF 2015

Donald Mose Calodan DONALD "MATT" COOKSTON, R.P.L.S. 4733

SURVEYING BY: COOKSTON AND ASSOCIATES SURVEYING AND MAPPING 3305 CAPTAIN LADD COURT ROUND ROCK, TEXAS 78665

DATE: 9-25-18 ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

I JERRY PERALES, P.E. AM ANTHORIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS TO PRACTICE THE PROFESSION OF THE METERMS AND BEFORD THE PROFESSION OF THE METERMS AND BEFORD THE PLAT IS FEASIBLE FROM AN EMIGNEEME METANDEPHINT AND COMPILES WITH THE ENGINEEMEN RELATED PORTIONS OF TITLE 25 OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND IS TRUE AND CORRECT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

LINE TABLE L1= S 79"10"31"E

LOT SUMMARY TABLE LOT 1, RESIDENTIAL: 1.61 ACRES LOT 2, RESIDENTIAL: 1.657 ACRES

TOTAL ACREAGE: 3.267 ACRES

74'12'06 69.92

N 84'23'48" W 167.21 N 84'23'48" W 163.94.59

COUNTARD DRIVE

WEST 200

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JEROME PERALES, P.E. NO. 94676 ENGINEERING BY: PERALES ENGINEERING 3102 BEE RD SUITE 201 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78746 (512) 297-5019

**FINAL PLAT** OF THE

WEST COURTYARD

SUBDIVISION

GRAPHIC SCALE

( IN FEET )

1 inch ≈ 100 ft.

107, 165,2 196,4

60 60

LOT 40

GENERAL NOTES:

1) THIS TRACT LIES WITHIN ZONE "X", AREAS GUTSIDE THE SOG-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AS SHOWN ON THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP FOR THE TRAVIS COUNTY, ON PANEL NO. 48453C 0435 H, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 26, 2008.

2) THE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY SYSTEM SERVING THIS SUBDIVISION MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN DESIGN CRITERA. THE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY PLAN MUST BE EVEWED AND APPROVED BY THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. ALL WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY CONSTRUCTION MUST BE INSPICITE BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE LANDOWNER MUST PART THE CITY TWO TRESPECTION TENT THAT UTILITY CONSTRUCTION.

3) WATER QUALITY CONTROLS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

4) BUILDING SETBACK LINES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OF AUSTIN ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS.

5) THE OWNER OF THIS SUBDIVISION, AND HIS OR HER SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS WHICH COURTY WITH A SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS WHICH COURTY WITH A SUBDIVISION FOR THE OWNER OWNERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IS REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF AUSTRIA. HICH COURTS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IS CONSTRUCT THIS SUBDIVISION DO NOT COMPT, WITH SUCH COORS AND REQUIREMENT.

6) PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION, EXCEPT DETACHED SINGLE FAMILY ON ANY LOT IN THIS SUBDIVISION, A SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

7) STREETS, DRAINAGE, SIDEWALKS, EROSION CONTROLS, AND WATER AND WASTEWATER LINES ARE REQUIRED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AND INSTALLED TO CITY OF AUSTIN STANDARDS.

8) AUSTIN ENERGY HAS THE RIGHT TO PRUNE AND/OR REMOVE TREES, SHRUBBERY AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO KEEP THE EASEMENTS CLEAR, AUSTIN ENERGY WILL PERFORM ALL TREE WORK IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 25, OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

9) THE OWNER/DEVELOPER OF THIS SUBDIVISION/LDT SHALL PROVIDE AUSTIN ENERGY WITH ANY EASE-WART AND/OR ACCESS REQUIRED, IN ADDITION TO THOSE MOICATED, FOR THE INSTALLATION EASE-WART AND ACCESS ARE EXCURRED TO REVOICE LECTRICE SERVICE THE SUBJOING, AND WILL NOT BE LOCATED SO AS TO CAUSE THE SITE TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 280 OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN LAND SEVELEPHENT CODE.

10) THE OWNER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, REVECTATION AND TREE PROTECTION, IN ADDITION, THE OWNER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERPRETATION AND TREE PROTECTION, IN ADDITION, THE OWNER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROTECTION OF THIS PROJECT.

11) BY APPROVING THIS PLAT, THE CITY OF AUSTIN ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO CONSTRUCT
ANY INFRASTRUCTURE CONNECTION WITH THIS SUBDIVISION, ANY SUBDIVISION INFRASTRUCTURE
REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOTS IN THIS SUBDIVISION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY
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APPLICATIONS FOR CENTRA DEVELOPMENT FROMITS INCLUDING BUILDING PERMITS, SITE PLAN
APPROVALS, AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY.

12) EROSION CONTROLS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION ON INDIVIDUAL LOTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA MANUAL.

13) PUBLIC SOCIMALES, BUILT TO CITY OF AUSTIN STUDDEDS, ARE REQUIRED ALONG THE FOLLOWING STRETCE AND AS SHOWN BY A DOTTIC DUE ON THE FACE OF THE FALL MIST COURTYARD DRIVE AND FINALE COVE. THESE SECREMANS SHALL BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE LOT BEING OCCUPIED, FAULURE TO CONSTRUCT THE REQUIRED SUPERVAIS ANY RESULT IN THE WITHHOLDING OF CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, BUILDING PERMITS, OR UTILITY CONNECTIONS BY THE GOVERNING BOYOR OF UTILITY COMPANY.

14) ANY ELECTRIC UTILITY ACTIVITY INSIDE THE SUBDIVISION SHALL BE INCLUDED UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT.

15) THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE DEVELOPED, CONSTRUCTED, AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TITLE 25 AND TITLE 30, AUSTIN CITY CODE, AS ADOPTED ON THE DATE THIS SUBDIVISION APPLICATION WAS FILED WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN

16) THE OWNER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, RE-WESTATION AND TIRE PROTECTION. IN ADDITION, THE OWNER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHE PRODUCED OVERHEAD LICECTRICAL FACILITIES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE LECETRICAL STAVE TO THIS PROJECT. THE OWNER SHALL INCLUDE AUSTIN ENERGY'S WORK WITHIN THE LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THIS PROJECT.

17) THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING CLEARANCES REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY CODE, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (GISHA) REQULATIONS, CITY OF AUSTIN RULES AND REQULATIONS AND TEXAS STATE LAWS PERTAINING TO CLEARANCES WHEN WORKING IN CLOSE PROMINITY TO OVERHEAD POWER LIMES PERTAINING TO CLEARANCES WHEN WORKING IN CLOSE PROGRAMMET AUSTIN EXCEPT WILL NOT ROBLES ELECTRIC SERVICE UNLESS REQUIRED CLEARANCES ARE MAINTAINED. ALL COSTS INCURRED RECAUSE OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRED CLEARANCES ARE MAINTAINED.

18) NO STRUCTURE IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE OCCUPIED UNTIL CONNECTED TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

19) PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION ON LOTS IN THIS SUBDIVISION, DRAINACE PLANS WILL BE SUBBIVITED TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR REVIEW. RANKFALL RUN-OFF SHALL BE HELD TO THE AMOUNT EXISTING AT UNDEVLOCED STATUS BY POCKNOGO ON OTHER APPROVED HETHODS. ALL PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OR SITE ALTERATION ON LOT(5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK(5) \_\_\_\_\_\_ REQUIRES APPROVAL OF A SEPARAT COVICIONEMY PERMY.

20) SLOPES IN EXCESS OF 15% EXIST ON LOTS 1 AND 2. CONSTRUCTION ON SLOPES IS LIMITED PER THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

21) ALL ELECTRIC EASEMENTS MUST BE SHOWN ON ALL PLAN SHEETS, LETT CLEAR FOR ELECTRIC USE AND MAINTENANCE ON A 2477 BASIS IN PERFETURY AND MAINTAIN RECESSARY CLEARANCES FROM ANY PROPOSED STRUCTURES, VECETARIN CHE CAT ALL TIMES, NECESSARY CLEARANCE METOMATRO (A.E. 1, THE MANNAL IS ANALABLE ON AUSTIN ENERGY'S WEBSITE UNDER CONTRACTORS / ELECTRIC SERVICE SEGURE PLANNAL.

22) LOT 1 AND 2 OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL HAVE SEPARATE SEWER TAPS, SEPARATE WATER METERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WATER AND SEWER LINES SHALL BE POSITIONED OR LOCATED IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT CROSS THE LINES.

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BUILDING LINE

PERALES ENGINEERING, LLC 3102 BEE CAVE RD # 201 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78746

SIDEWALK

ENGINEER:

LOT 63

JOLENE KIOBASSA, CHAIR ANNA AGUIRRE, SECRETARY

DANA DEBEAUVOIR, COUNTY CLERK TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ACCEPTED AND AUTHORIZED FOR RECORD BY THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, THIS, THE \_\_\_\_\_DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_.

LOT 45

LOT 44

SHEPHERD MOUNTAIN
PHASE TWO
(VOL. 86, PGS. 155D-156C)
BLOCK B

J. RODNEY GONZALES, DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

STATE OF TEXAS: COUNTY OF TRAVIS:

DEPUTY

VARIABLE WIDTH DRAINAGE & PUBLIC UTILITY ESMT. / (VOL. 86, PC. 155D)

SHEPHERD MOUNTAIN PHASE TWO (VOL. 86, PCS. 155D-156C)

IRON ROD FOUND ELECTRIC EASEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS ESMT.

23) STENCIL THE WORDS "FIRE ZONE/TOW-AWAY ZONE" IN WHITE LETTERS AT LEAST 3" HIGH AT 35FOOT INTERVALS ALONG THE CURB. SIGNS STATING "FIRE ZONE/TOW-AWAY ZONE" SHALL BE POSTED AT BOTH ENDS OF A FIRE ZONE AND AT EACH ENTRY AND EXIT POINT WHICH CONSTITUTES A PORTION OF THE FIRE ZONE OR FIRE LANE. SIGNS SHALL COUPLY WITH STANDARD CITY OF AUSTIN DETAIL 9015-6.

24) A LAND USE COUMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL VARIANCE TO LDC 25-8-FOR HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THIS SITE BY THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ON

25) AM INCREASE IN EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS DISTANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR LOT 2, AS REQUESTED BY THE OWNER, PER EXCEPTION 3 TO SECTION 503.1.1 OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN FIRE CODE IN EFFECT ON SEPTIMENT 1, 2018. THIS EXCEPTION IS LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NO MORE THAN TWO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES IMPACTED BY THE INCREASED EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS DISTANCE.

26) A FEE-IN-LIEU OF PARKLAND DEDICATION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN PAID FOR 1 RESIDENCE. NO FEE WAS CHARGED FOR THE EXISTING RESIDENCE.

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SUBMITTED: 3-10-17 SCALE 1" = 100' REV. DATE: 09/25/2018 JOB NO. 15-14B
DATE: MARCH 10, 2017 CASE NO. C8-2018-0032.0A Item C-01 CONCEPTUAL TAP PLAN (ASTEW) T.S.P.E. # F-12013
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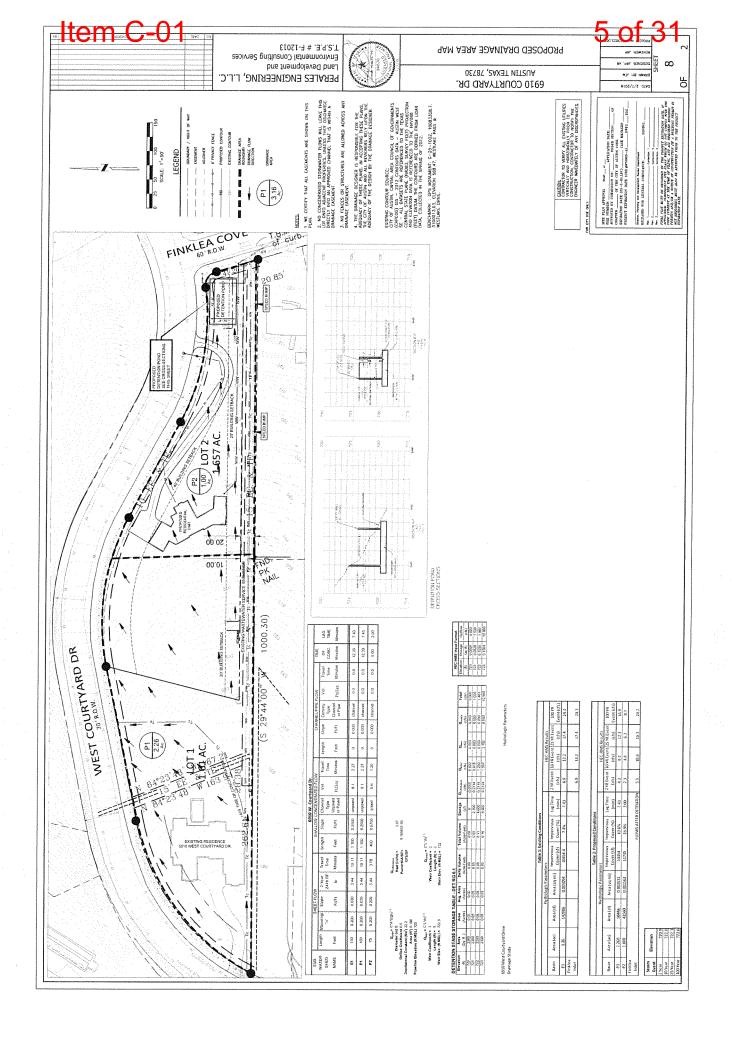




EXHIBIT A

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20190206 008b**

Date: February 6, 2019

Subject: Courtyard Final Plat and Subdivision (W/R C8-2017-0016.0A) C8-2018-0032.0A

Motion by: Wendy Gordon

Seconded by: Hank Smith

**RATIONALE:** 

WHEREAS, staff has determined that the findings of fact have not been met; and

WHEREAS, subdividing will result in two 1.6 acre lots that are larger than many surrounding lots; and

WHEREAS, driveway variances in West Austin have been common historically; and

WHEREAS, there are no critical environmental features; and

WHEREAS, a detention pond will ameliorate runoff.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends support of the variance for constructing a driveway on slopes greater than 15 percent with the following conditions:

- increase the sedimentation and erosion controls during construction in consultation with staff
- include features such as vegetation to screen the driveway from the road via a restrictive covenant.

### **VOTE 6-4**

For: Creel, C. Smith, Thompson, H. Smith, Gordon, and B. Smith

Against: Guerrero, Neely, Coyne, and Maceo

Abstain: None Recuse: None Absent: None

Approved By:

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair

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### **ITEM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA**

COMMISSION MEETING DATE REQUESTED:

February 6, 2019

Courtyard Final Plat and Subdivision (W/R C8-2017-0016.0A)

C8-2018-0032.0A

NAME OF APPLICANT OR

NAME & NUMBER OF PROJECT:

Jerry Perales, Perales Engineering

ORGANIZATION:

512-297-5019

LOCATION:

6910 WEST COURTYARD DRIVE, AUSTIN, Texas, 78730

COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Council District #10

PROJECT FILING DATE:

March 23, 2018

DSD/ENVIRONMENTAL STAFF:

Pamela Abee-Taulli

512-974-1879, pamela.abee-taulli@austintexas.gov.

WATERSHED:

Bull Creek, Water Supply Suburban

ORDINANCE:

Watershed Protection Ordinance

REQUEST:

Variance request is as follows:

1. To vary from LDC 25-8-301(A), prohibiting construction of a driveway on slopes greater than 15 percent, unless to provide primary access to an area of at least 2 contiguous acres with a slope of less than 15 percent, or at least five residential units.

**STAFF** 

Staff determination is that the findings of fact have not been met.

**DETERMINATION:** 

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### Development Services Department Staff Recommendations Concerning Required Findings

Project:

Courtyard Final Plat and Subdivision

Ordinance Standard: Watershed Protection Ordinance

Variance Request:

To vary from LDC 25-8-301, prohibiting construction of a

driveway on slopes greater than 15 percent, unless to provide primary access to an area of at least 2 contiguous acres with a slope of less than 15 percent, or at least five residential units.

Include an explanation with each applicable finding of fact.

Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 25-8-41 of the City Code:

1. The requirement will deprive the applicant of a privilege available to owners of similarly situated property with approximately contemporaneous development subject to similar code requirements.

No The property, as it currently exists, is a buildable lot and has an existing, legally constructed residence. The privilege available to owners of similarly situated property with approximately contemporaneous development subject to similar code requirements, to build a residence on such a property, has already been conferred.

### 2. The variance:

Is not necessitated by the scale, layout, construction method, or a) other design decision made by the applicant, unless the design decision provides greater overall environmental protection than is achievable without the variance;

No The variance is necessitated by the applicant's proposal to subdivide the existing lot in a manner that would create a lot for which a driveway could not be constructed in compliance with LDC 25-8-301. That is, a driveway would have to cross slopes greater than 15 percent, to provide primary access to an area of less than 2 acres with a slope of less than 15 percent, to reach a single residential unit.

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b) Is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property;

No No deviation from the code is necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property. Reasonable use of the property is development of a single residential unit, which has already been done.

c) Does not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences.

No The construction on steep slopes that would be necessary to develop a driveway access to a residence would create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences.

3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.

Yes It is possible to develop with the variance in a way that would result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.

- B. The Land Use Commission may grant a variance from a requirement of Section 25-8-422 ( Water Quality Transition Zone ), Section 25-8-452 ( Water Quality Transition Zone ), Section 25-8-482 ( Water Quality Transition Zone ), Section 25-8-652 ( Restrictions on Development Impacting Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, and Lake Walter E. Long ), or Article 7, Division 1 ( Critical Water Quality Zone Restrictions ), after determining that::
  - 1. The criteria for granting a variance in Subsection (A) are met;

NA

2. The requirement for which a variance is requested prevents a reasonable, economic use of the entire property;

NA

3. The variance is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable, economic use of the entire property.

NA

Staff determination is that the findings of fact have not been met.

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Environmental Reviewer (DSD)

Environmental Review Michael McDougal

Manager (DSD)

Environmental Officer (WPD)

Environmental Officer (WPD)

Date 1/17/19

Date 1-17-2019

Date 1/23/2019

January 14, 2019



## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM**

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION Applicant Contact Info	음식 물리에 오는 것 같다. 이 보다면 되는 생각을 하고 있는 것 같은 사람들은 모양을 가지 않는데 되었다.
Name of Applicant	Jerry Perales. PE
Street Address	3102 Bee Cave Rd, Suite 201
City State ZIP Code	Austin, TX 78746
Work Phone	512.297.5019
E-Mail Address	jperales@peraleseng.com
Variance Case Information	
Case Name	Courtyard Final Plat and Subdivision
Case Number	C8-2018-0032.0A
Address or Location	6910 WEST COURTYARD DR
Environmental Reviewer Name	Pamela Abee-Taulli
Applicable Ordinance	LDC 25-8-301
Watershed Name	West Bull Creek
Watershed Classification	<ul><li>□ Urban  X Suburban  □ Water Supply Suburban</li><li>□ Water Supply Rural  □Barton Springs Zone</li></ul>
Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone	☐ Barton Springs Segment ☐ Northern Edwards Segment  X Not in Edwards Aquifer Zones
Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone	□ Yes X No

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Distance to Nearest Classified Waterway	146 ft. to tributary of West Bull Creek
Water and Waste Water service to be provided by	AWU
Request	Variance from LDC 25-8-301 to allow construction of a driveway on a slope with a gradient of more than 15 percent.

Impervious cover	Existing	Propose Lot 1	ed – Post-subdivision Lot 2
square footage:	<u>10,454</u>	10,214	<u>10,786</u>
acreage:	0.24	0.24	0.247
percentage:	<u>12%</u>	14.9%	14.9%
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Provide general description of the property (slope range, elevation range, summary of vegetation / trees, summary of the geology, CWQZ, WQTZ, CEFs, floodplain, heritage trees, any other notable or outstanding characteristics of the property)	There are no CEFs, CWQZ, or WQTZs on site slope map have been provided with this appetables including the proposed impervious co	olication. Also	provided is the Q-

Clearly indicate in what way the proposed project does not comply with current Code (include

LDC 25-8-301 to allow construction of a driveway on a slope with a gradient of more than 15 percent. We are proposing construction of a driveway on land with slopes greater than 15%.

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maps and exhibits)	

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

As required in LDC Section 25-8-41, in order to grant a variance, the Land Use Commission must make the following findings of fact.

Project: Courtyard Final Plat and Subdivision

Ordinance: LDC § 25-8-301, prohibiting construction of a roadway or driveway on a slope with a gradient of more than 15 percent unless the construction is necessary to provide primary access to: (1) at least two contiguous acres with a gradient of 15 percent or less; or (2) building sites for at least five residential units.

- A. Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 25-8-41(A) of the City Code:
  - 1. The requirement will deprive the applicant of a privilege or the safety of property given to owners of other similarly situated property with approximately contemporaneous development subject to similar code requirements.
    - Yes The requirement of Section 25-8-301 will deprive the owner of access to this large single family lot since there is no driveway access to the site that does not cross a 15% slope. This deprives the owner of a privilege given to owners of other similarly situated properties with approximately contemporaneous development because there are at least 27 single family homes in the vicinity that have driveways crossing 15% slopes, the locations of which relative to this property are shown on the map attached as Exhibit A. Without this variance, the owner will be completely deprived of the right to develop this lot that other neighboring properties have enjoyed.

### 2. The variance:

a) Is not based on a condition caused by the method chosen by the applicant to develop the property, unless the development method provides greater overall environmental protection than is achievable without the variance;

**Yes** The request for a variance is not based on a condition caused by a method chosen by the applicant to develop the property. Due to the steep topography of the site, there is no possible configuration of a driveway on the property connecting the street to the home that

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does not cross a 15% slope. This particular configuration of the driveway was selected to reduce the length of the driveway and, thereby, reduce the amount of overall impervious cover; any alternative configuration would lead to a longer driveway and would still cross a 15% slope.

b) Is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property;

Yes Most of the homes in the neighborhood were constructed on lots between one and two acres, with some on lots even smaller than that. The lots in the proposed subdivision would be approximately 1.6 acres, and are consistent with the neighborhood density. The original subdivision planned for this lot would have divided this tract into four lots. This subdivision has been reduced to two lots to match or exceed the largely prevailing neighborhood residential density. This density is the first consideration to protect land from development in virgin territory in the hill country. The proposed subdivision into 1.6-acre single-family lots is a reasonable use of the property.

The variance should be approved for two lots in the proposed configuration as the driveway is in the safest location for the street and matches the current neighborhood density. The variance will allow for construction of the driveway in a location that has the least amount of environmental impact due to the reduction in the length and depth of cut of the driveway. There is no alternative driveway access to this site that does not cross a 15% slope. Without this variance, the owner will not be able to develop this large proposed lot as a single family home, depriving the owner of a right or privilege enjoyed by neighboring properties have enjoyed, and depriving the owner of all economic value of the property.

c) Does not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences; and

Yes The location selected for the driveway allows for close proximity to the proposed single family residence which results in a shorter driveway length and a reduction in the impervious cover. As a result, this location will not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences. Also, this location provides for safe stopping sight distances from Finklea Cove. All methods of erosion and sedimentation controls will be employed during the construction of the driveway.

3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.

January 29, 2019

Yes Water quality measures have been provided for the construction of the driveway that will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance. All methods of erosion and sedimentation controls will be employed during the construction of the driveway.

January 14, 2019

## **Exhibits for Board Backup and/or Presentation**

- Aerial photos of the site (backup and presentation)
- Site photos (backup and presentation)
- Aerial photos of the vicinity (backup and presentation)
- Context Map—A map illustrating the subject property in relation to developments in the vicinity to include nearby major streets and waterways (backup and presentation)
- Topographic Map A topographic map is recommended if a significant grade change on the subject site exists or if there is a significant difference in grade in relation to adjacent properties. (backup and presentation)
- For cut/fill variances, a plan sheet showing areas and depth of cut/fill with topographic elevations. (backup and presentation)
- Site plan showing existing conditions if development exists currently on the property (presentation only)
- Proposed Site Plan-full size electronic or at least legible 11x17 showing proposed development, include tree survey if required as part of site or subdivision plan (backup and presentation)
- Environmental Map A map that shows pertinent features including Floodplain, CWQZ, WQTZ, CEFs, Setbacks, Recharge Zone, etc. (backup and presentation)
- An Environmental Assessment pursuant to ECM 1.3.0 (if required by 25-8-121) (backup only)
- Applicant's variance request letter (backup only)



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November 12, 2018

Via Email
Pamela Abee-Taulli
Environmental Review Specialist Senior
City of Austin Development Services Department
One Texas Center
505 Barton Springs Road, Suite C402
Austin, TX 78704

Re: 6910 W. Courtyard Dr.; C8-2018-0032.0A

Dear Ms. Abee-Taulli:

On behalf of the owner and applicant, enclosed are the following:

- 1. an application for a variance from Section 25-8-301 of the LDC to permit a driveway to cross a slope in excess of 15% to serve a single-family home;
- 2. a Google Earth view and location map of the property showing its relation to other properties in the vicinity;
- 3. a slope map showing the proposed layout of the home and the driveway for which the variance is being sought;
  - 4. the proposed subdivision plat;
- 5. a memorandum and diagram from the project engineer, Bruce Aupperle, showing an alternate configuration and layout of the home and parking area, which would result in the parking area being separated from the home by a stepped walkway; and
- 6. a map showing other homes in the vicinity (yellow) that have driveways crossing a slope in excess of 15%.

The variance is sought in conjunction with the subdivision application bearing Case No. C8-2018-0032.0A. This proposed subdivision would plat Lots 1 and 2 of the West Courtyard Subdivision in Travis County, Texas. Lot 1 is approximately 1.61 acres and Lot 2, approximately 1.657. There is an existing single-family home located on Lot 1. Lot 2 is currently undeveloped.

Although the proposed Lot 2 has a number of steep slopes, as shown on the slope map, it has sites suitable for development with a single-family home. The slope map shows the proposed location of a single-family home and driveway off of West Courtyard. The single-family home

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structure can be built without any variances from Chapter 25-8 of the Land Development Code. The proposed driveway, however, would cross slopes in excess of 15% and accordingly would require a variance from Section 25-8-301 of the LDC.

The site can be developed with a single-family home and the required parking without an environmental variance, although such a configuration would be highly undesirable. The attached diagram shows an illustrative layout of one allowable alternative. This layout would allow construction of the home in the same location proposed by the owner, but would locate the parking at the base of a slope away from the house. The proposed alternative parking area would be connected to the house by a walkway traversing 40 vertical feet by 280 horizontal feet, requiring around 80 steps. Such a configuration—while permitted by the Code—would impose a patent hardship on the property owner. The proposed findings of fact set forth the justification for the variance in more detail.

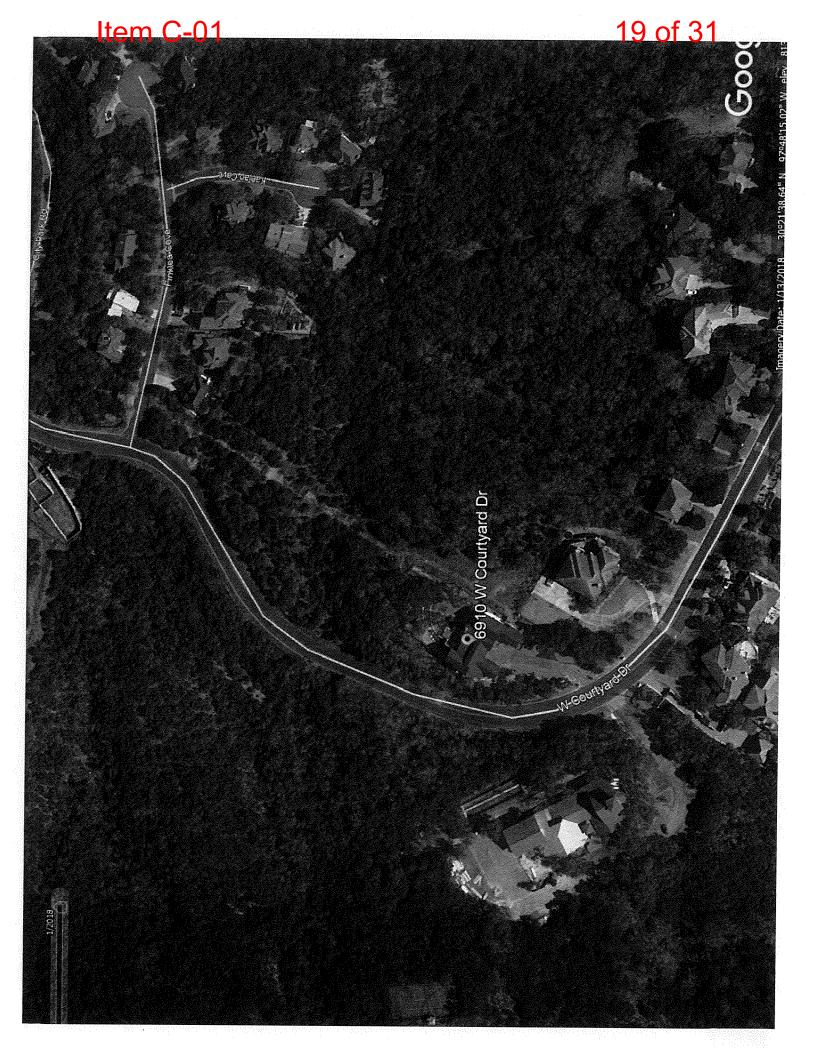
Many of the existing single-family homes in the area have driveways crossing slopes greater than 15%. Attached is a map showing other such homes marked in yellow. As this map demonstrates, steep driveways are a common feature of homes in the area. We believe this evidence further supports a finding that denial of the variance would cause an undue hardship to the owner.

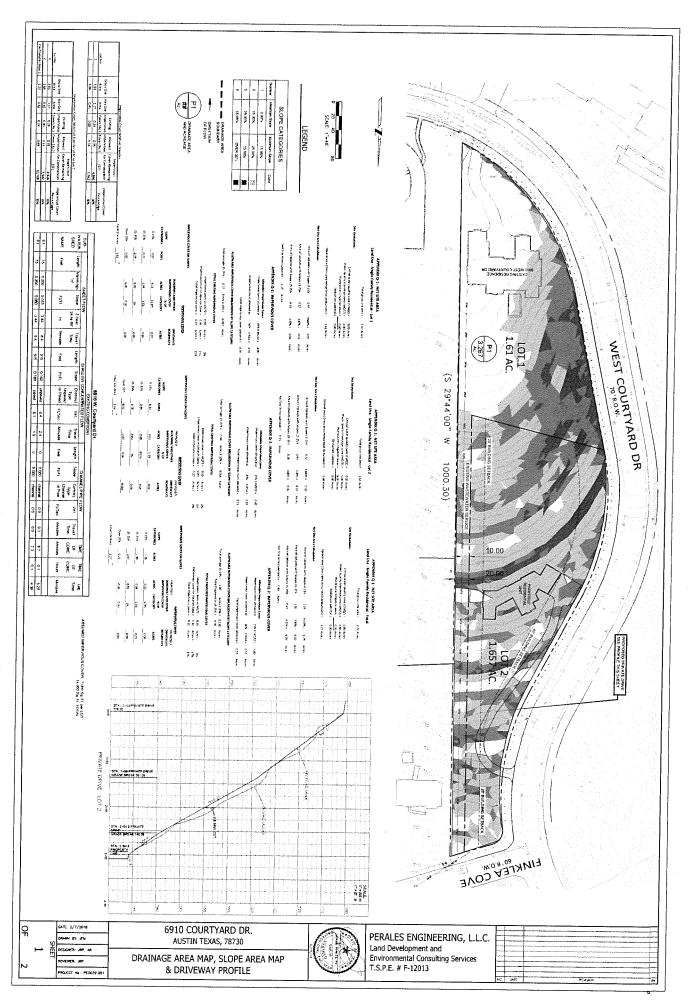
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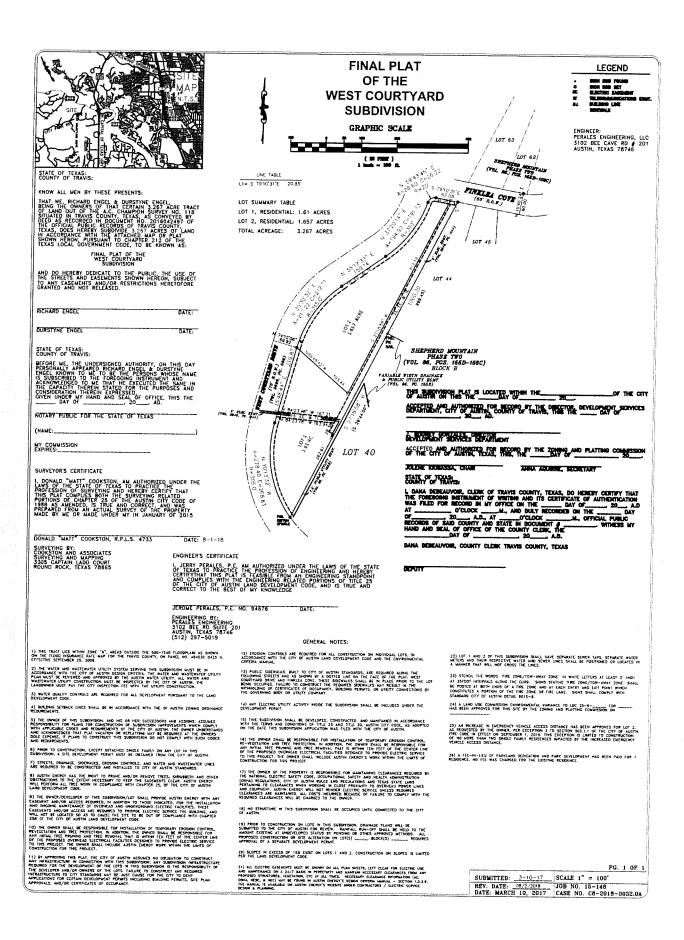
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Enclosures



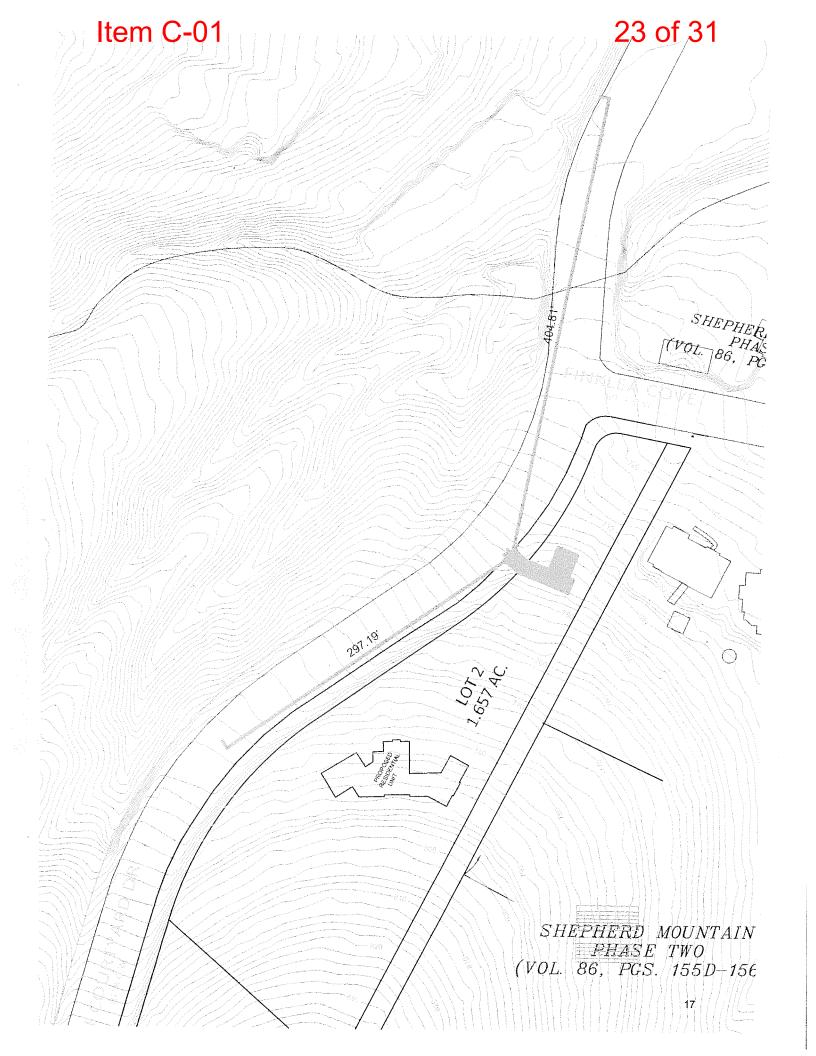


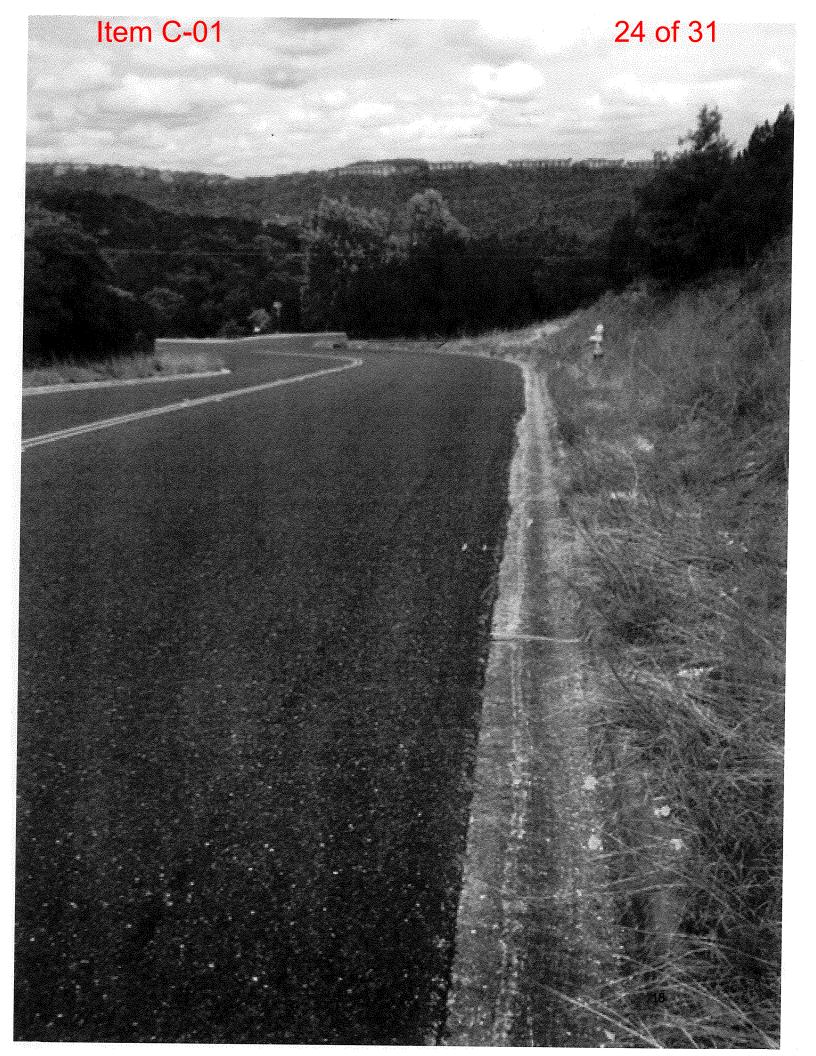


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The attached exhibit that indicates the site distances from the proposed 12' residential driveway on Lot 2 servicing the surface parking area thereon. West Courtyard Drive, is a residential collector and has a speed limit of 35 mph. The recommended site distance per the table provided is therefore 250'. The site distances available to the proposed driveway are approximately 300' to the southwest and 400; to the northeast. Thus the proposed driveway intersection meets the minimum site distance for a residential driveway intersectioning a neighborhood collector.

Please note that a walk from the surface parking area to the proposed house traverse an area 40 vertical feet by 280 horizontal feet. The path way to the house would have an average slope of 14%. That's about 80 steps in the walk from parking area to house or about 4 flights of stairs.





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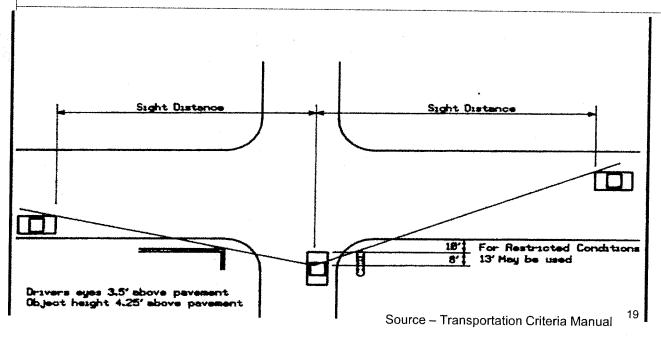
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Condition A - Entering onto or crossing a 2 or 3 lane street.\*\*

Condition B - Entering onto or crossing a 4 or 5 lane street.\*\*\*

Condition C - Entering onto or crossing a street with more than 5 lanes.\*\*\*

\* This Table is for flat grades only. AASHTO should be referenced in obtaining minimum sight distances whenever grades are not flat.



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