

September 24, 2003


Honorable Mayor Jim Shaw and Rapid City Council,

Our house is located at 3724 Morningview Drive, which is just east of the Southwest Fire Station. When the house was built in 1952, it had a west frontage with sewer installed west towards 38th Street and then it turned north until it connected into the main at Western Avenue. After the 1972 flood, 38th Street became Park Drive and Rapid City acquired the west frontage of our property along with neighboring properties as part of the Greenway Tract. Fill dirt was brought in and the Southwest Fire Station was then built at this location. The frontage of our property changed to the south, but sewer and water service continued across the old frontage with no recorded easement from the City.

The City is now having Park Drive and Western Avenue rebuilt with new sewer and water mains near the fire station. In the process of reconnecting our sewer to the new main, the City was able to make our connection at Park Drive instead of Western Avenue. This connection is a benefit to both the City and to us. The City has benefited by eliminating a sewer line at the front of the fire station and we have benefited by having less service to maintain.

Our remaining sewer service is in need of repair or replacement and we have been told that we cannot repair or replace the service where it is currently across the fire station property. If we choose to repair or replace our sewer service, we would prefer the existing gravity flow route across City property. The alternative is to reroute our service to the south frontage and that would require our sewage to be pumped uphill. For this reason, we are requesting a variance from City design standards to allow our sewer service to be repaired or replaced where it is currently located across City property to Park Drive and a permanent easement from the City for our sewer service across City property. In addition, we ask the council to consider including our water service as part of the variance from City design standards and a permanent easement for it as well since it follows a similar route to Park Drive.

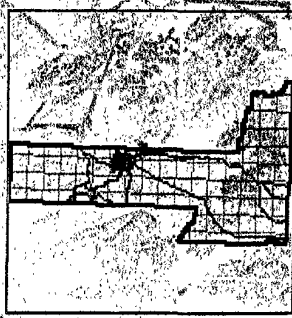
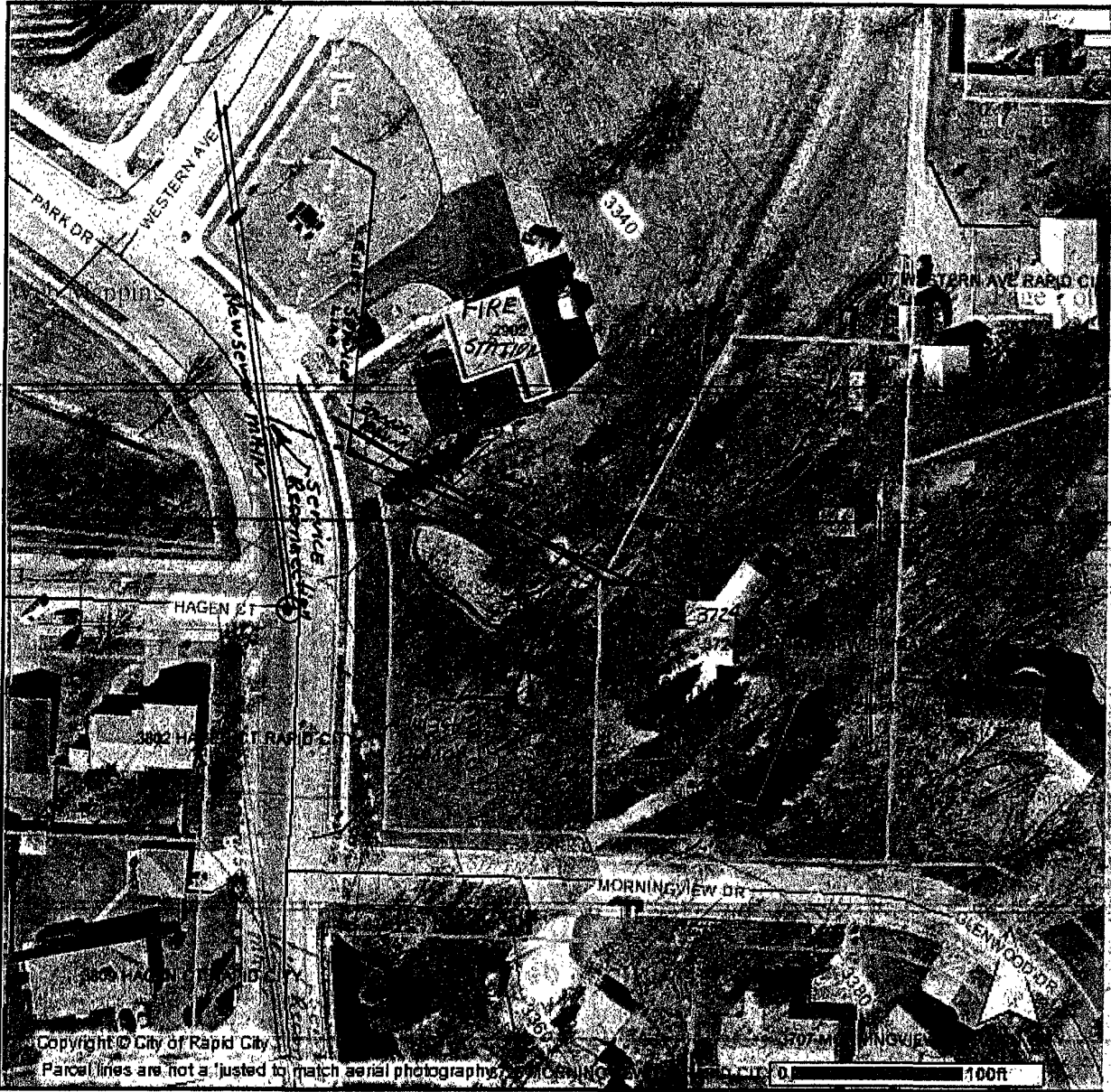
Sincerely,



Dave Semerad

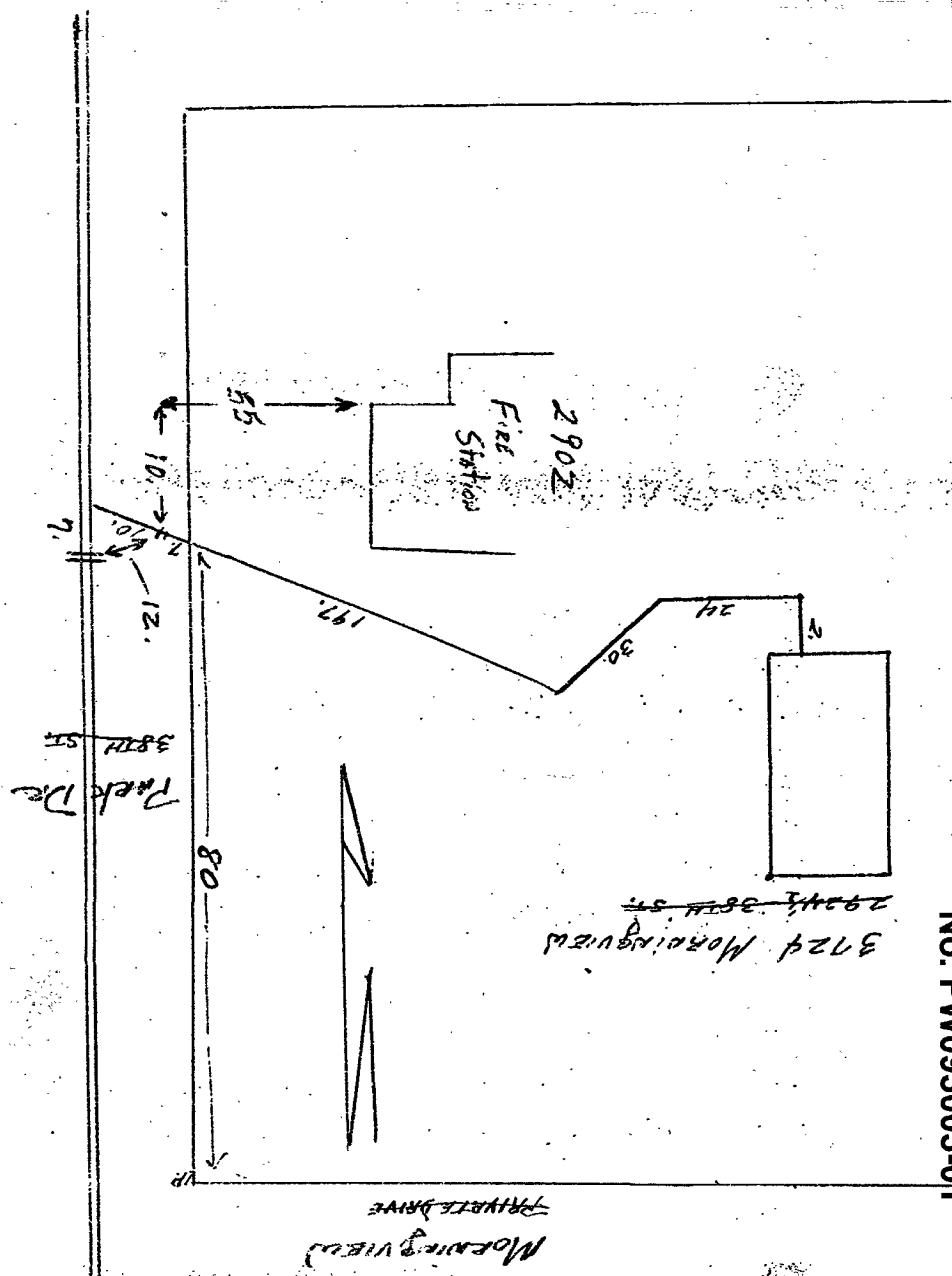
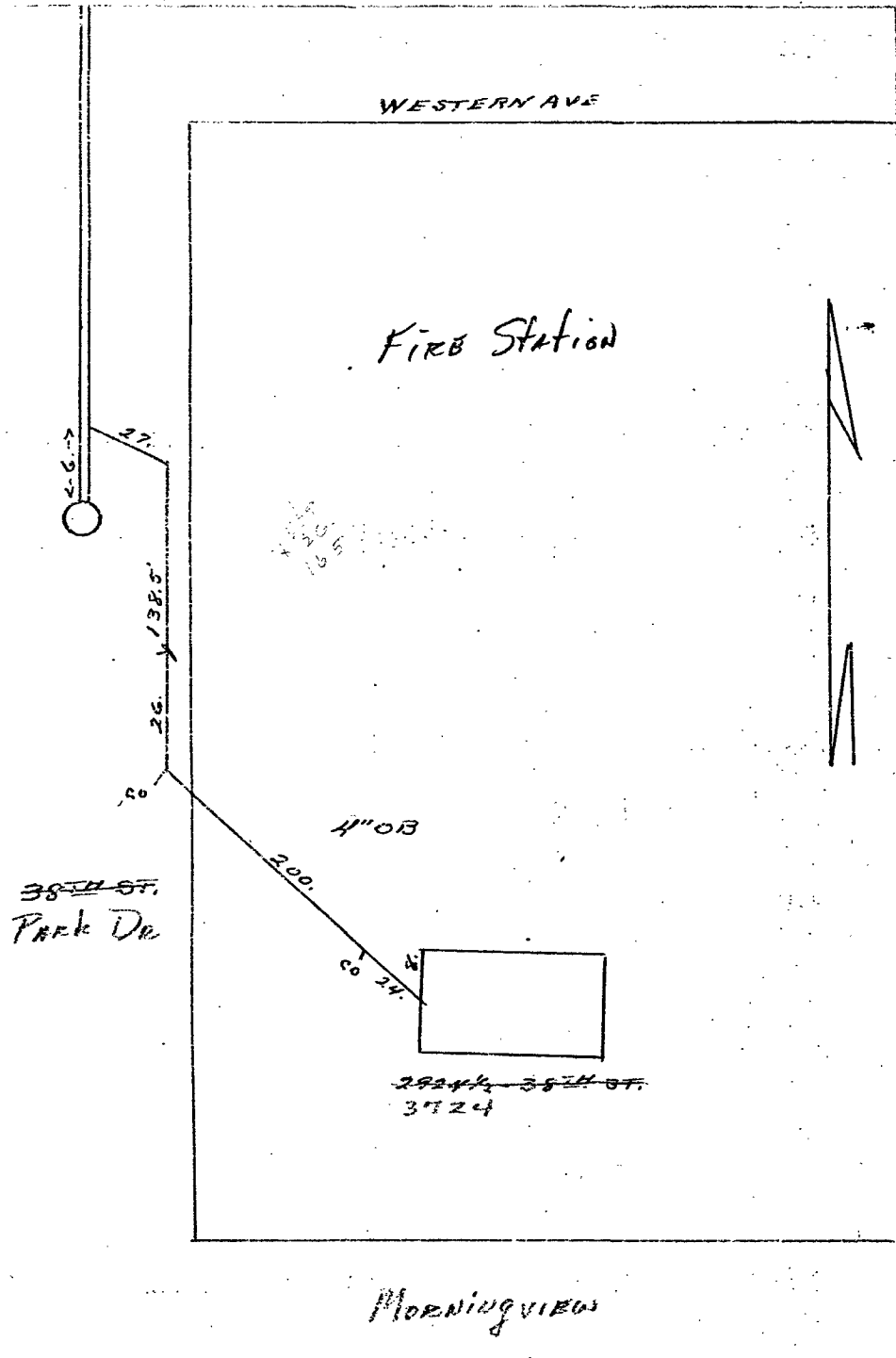
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