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Planning Department

January 5, 2004

City of Rapid City  
Urban Division

RE: NOTICE OF HEARING FOR A VARIANCE (SEE ATTACHED LETTER)

RE: Marie and Larry Romano  
1775 Reservoir Road  
Rapid City SD 57703

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding my complete dissatisfaction with the proposed variance to my subdivision. I will NOT waive the requirement to install curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street light conduit and pavement or any additional right-of-way. Who do you people think you are?—taking our property without our permission! The County of Pennington gave us no choice, also. In 1998 they **TOOK** a 10 foot easement from Reservoir Road into our front yard digging ditches the county called "slopes" on both sides of our driveway which measure 12-15 feet deep! A county commissioner visited our property in 2001 (after we called and called asking for someone – anyone – to come out and look at these ditches the county dug in our front yard – not SLOPES as specified in the county's "easement agreement." The county person advised he would take this problem to the next commissioner's meeting. We haven't heard from him since. Gee, what a surprise!

We needed these ditches to be filled with gravel to make them actual slopes. When snow falls in these holes one can't see where the driveway is. Two vehicles have fallen into these ditches to date and I should have taken the county to court for not taking care of this and having vehicles fall into these holes. No one was hurt luckily and no damage sustained to the vehicles. This is a very dangerous situation which is absolutely ignored by the county.

Now, I receive a certified letter from the City of Rapid City stating more of our property will be eaten up with sidewalks, curbs, gutters, street light conduits and pavement. How much more do you people want of our property? You are going to leave us with nothing for a front yard! We will be attending the council meeting on January 19 at 7:00 pm. I want my letter to be part of this meeting.

It sure would be nice if you got the address right: **Who lives at 5252 Ross Court?—our old address was 5253 Ross Court** before the county **AGAIN** messed with us and changed our mailing address, at our expense, to Reservoir Road.

Enough is enough!

Sincerely,

Marie A. Romano  
1775 Reservoir Road  
Rapid City SD 57703-7000