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Ms. Renee Catron-Blair
Dream Design International, Inc.
528 Kansas City Street, Suite 4
Rapid City, SD 57701

Re: McMahan Subdivision, Tract C-2 (Proposed Convenience Store)
07EX154 - Request for Exception for commercial driveway approach opening width greater than 28'
along Haines Ave.

Dear Ms. Catron-Blair:

The Request for Exception to Section 8.2.1.B of the City of Rapid City Street Design Criteria Manual, to allow a commercial driveway approach opening width greater than twenty-eight feet is denied. Section 8.2.1.B states that in commercial areas, the driveway approach opening shall not be less than sixteen feet (16') and no more than twenty-eight feet (28') in width.

In summary your request for Exception is:

- Thirty-six feet (36') driveway approach opening width to accommodate three lanes (in, left & right) along the west side of Haines Avenue.

The proposed driveway approach along Haines Avenue will intersect an existing eight foot (8') pedestrian sidewalk/bikepath. (*Note: There is not a sidewalk on the opposite side of Haines Avenue.*) The proposed development site is located adjacent to existing residential neighborhoods and there is a proposed school and park site west of the site. As this area continues to develop, it is anticipated there will be an increase in pedestrian traffic along Haines Avenue. Driveway approach widths in excess of the maximum allowable width present safety hazards for pedestrian traffic.

The denial of this exception request may be appealed to the City Council by requesting it be placed on the next Public Works Committee agenda. Please contact the Growth Management Department if you desire to appeal. The City Council has final approval of exception requests.

Sincerely,

Mary Bosworth, P.E.
Engineering Project Manager

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