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City of Rapid City
Rapid City SD 57701

This letter is to appeal the denial that was received for a request for approval of a circular drive way that is located at our home resident at 1416 Panorama Circle.

Our desire to build an oversized garage on the property at our home residence started with the plans being submitted to the Plan and Zoning department requesting variance to be granted due to the size of the garage. After receiving a letter that the city ordinance did not allow for a circular driveway we were told that we could file a request for an exception by completing the form titled Request for Exception to Rapid City Design Standard/Criteria/Regulations. We have now received a denial and therefore are presenting an appeal for reconsideration to allow the circular driveway.

The circular driveway was built in 1991 when we moved into our new home which at that time the area was not part of the City of Rapid City. This was a number of years prior to the Enchanted Hills development being annexed into the city. The traffic on Panorama Circle is limited to the families that live on the circle and traffic is not heavy traffic that the circular driveway has or would cause any issues related to traffic flow. A number of times heavy snow in our area has required the additional entrance be accessed to leave and enter the property. Our property that runs along the city street accommodates a circular driveway because of the width of the property.

We are asking that the City of Rapid City allow for the circular driveway to be left at our residence due to the fact the circular driveway was built prior to annexation, the circular driveway is not a hindrance to the traffic on our street and the convenience that it provides for entrance into our property.

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