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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

Cc: File 09EX117

FROM: Mary Bosworth, PE  
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DATE: December 15, 2009

RE: Appeal of Denial of Request to allow a residential driveway approach opening width greater than 20' for a residential lot located at 4122 Quiment Court in Red Rock Meadows Subdivision

A request was submitted by Mandalay Homes on November 19, 2009, to allow a residential driveway opening width of thirty feet (30') in lieu of the maximum allowed residential driveway opening width of twenty (20') for a residential lot located at 4122 Quiment Court in Red Rock Meadows Subdivision.

Section 2.1.2 of the Memorandum to City Council regarding Residential Driveway Requirements (dated February 12, 2001) allows a 20 foot maximum opening for a three stall garage when the garage setback is 30 feet or more. Section 2.2.1 of the Memorandum allows a 30 foot maximum driveway opening if the three car garage setback is less than 30 feet. This increase in the approach width, for a garage setback of less than 30 feet, allows for adequate vehicle circulation for ingress and egress to all three garage stalls. The applicant obtained a permit to work in the right-of-way for the driveway indicating that the garage would be setback 25 feet from the front property lines. Based on the setback, a permit was issued for a 30 foot driveway opening. However, when the inspector checked the forms it was identified that the house is actually setback **36 feet** from the front property line. As such, the 20 foot driveway opening is the maximum allowed. This setback to the garage allows adequate vehicle circulation. Staff has been unable to identify any basis for granting the request.

**Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends denial of the request to allow a residential driveway approach opening in excess of the maximum allowed driveway opening width.**



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