

Development Review Group  
Public Works/Engineering Services  
City of Rapid City

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear Common Council of the City of Rapid City:

RE: Sidewalk Variance Request (allowed for by Section 12.08.060.C of the Rapid City Municipal Code)

Single Family Residential Building Permit # CIBP14 - 0982

Please consider my request for a variance to install a sidewalk.

Reasons for doing so would be

A) Extreme slope of the property (approximately 25% grade). A retaining wall of huge proportion would be required to stabilize the slope before any sidewalk installation could occur.

B) Major City of Rapid City utilities would have to be located within the sidewalk itself. (A sewer manhole and a fire hydrant are directly in the path of the proposed sidewalk) Alternatively, at great expense, the city would have to move the sewer access and the fire hydrant, or they would be an ongoing safety hazard for any future sidewalk users.

C) No sidewalk has ever existed on this site (due to A & B above)

D) If required to be built, the new sidewalk would lead to the next door property to the West, which also has challenging topography, a large row of trees that effectively block access, and would lead to no existing sidewalk.

E) There is an existing sidewalk that is directly across West St. Anne Street (approximately 25 feet away)

Respectfully submitted by,



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