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Ms. Karley Halsted, PE
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City of Rapid City
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Rapid City, SD 57701-2724

Re: Rapps Addition – File #08SR089

Dear Ms. Halstad:

This letter shall serve as a request for exceptions on the paving and landscape plan for the SWS/Rapps Addition application, File #08SR089.

Typically we would design a plan to meet all the local, state and federal requirements, however, this site presents some unique challenges. The size of the site (0.16 acres) and its topography (significant grade change at the property boundaries) severely limit our layout and paving options. Working within the constraints of the site, we believe we designed the most efficient plan possible with a 13.2' wide main access drive, two parking stalls and 4,500 landscape points (excluding the points from the existing grassy area on the slope west of the tower).

Yet our plan still falls short of meeting certain requirements; therefore we request the following exceptions:

1. Access road width (minimum 20' per Appendix D, International Fire Code);
2. Provision for fire apparatus turnaround/hammer head (per Fig D103.1, Appendix D, International Fire Code); and
3. Number of landscape points provided (the total number of required landscaping points for the site = 6,969).

As stated above, we believe we designed the most efficient plan possible given the site constraints. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael Small
Development Manager