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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Public Works Committee

FROM: Todd Peckosh, P.E., Project Manager

DATE: August 21, 2007

RE: Exception to Detail 9-12 of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, 2004 Edition
Proposed Tract 2 of Tuscany Square

A request was submitted on August 5, 2007 requesting an exception to Standard Detail 9-12 of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, 2004 Edition, and to allow a sanitary sewer service line to cross the adjacent lot before connecting to the public sewer main.

The proposed Tract 2 is located at the southwest corner of Omaha and 3rd street, and has sewer service stubbed into the lot from 3rd street. The proposed lot line location would place a portion of the existing service line across Tract 1. Standard Detail 9-12 shows sewer service lines connecting to the public main in front of the property, without crossing the neighboring property. Throughout the City, there are many instances of access and maintenance issues involving mains and/or services crossing private property, even within easements. There are cases of buildings, sheds, decks, landscaping, fences, campers, etc on top of mains and/or services. In addition, a resolution was approved by City Council in 2005 to provide City funds for the purpose of replacing some of the sewer service lines that cross over private property (as well as long or common services running parallel to the right-of-way). Approval of new services that cross over private property would appear to be contradictory to the intent of the resolution, as well as the specifications. There is a sewer main located along the south side of Omaha Street, which could provide a sewer service connection that would not cross adjacent property.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends denial of the request to allow a sewer service line to cross the adjacent property.



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