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RE: Appeal of denial for an exception to allow driveway width greater than 28'
Lots 27-32 & south 50' of Lots 1-4 Green Acres Addition
PIN 2034361011 – Exception File No. 09EX035

A request was submitted by Lyle Henriksen, Henriksen Inc., on February 11, 2009 for an exception to allow driveways on W. Main Street and St. Onge Street wider than 28 feet. This request is associated with a building permit for Big D Oil. Proposed plans include a convenience store addition to the service station located at 3010 W. Main Street.

The City of Rapid City Street Design Criteria Manual states in Section 8.2.1 (B), "In commercial and industrial areas, the driveway openings shall not be less than 16 feet in width and no more than 28 feet in width, exclusive of the taper."

The existing driveways shown on the plan reflect two driveways on W. Main Street with widths of 39 feet 8 inches and 29 feet 3 inches and two driveways on St. Onge Street with widths of 26 feet and 42 feet 6 inches. Three of the four driveways exceed the maximum width allowed per the Street Design Criteria Manual. Driveway approach widths in excess of the maximum allowable width present safety hazards for pedestrian traffic and will not provide safe and orderly vehicle access to and from this property. This denial is based on public safety due to the increased traffic movements from this property.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends denial of the exception to allow driveway widths greater than 28 feet.



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