

ROCHESTER MEADOWS, L.L.C.
11684 Majestic Court
Shelby Township, Michigan 48315
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May 20, 2004

Deborah Millhouse
Deputy Director Planning and Development
City of Rochester Hills
Rochester Hills, Michigan

Re: Rochester Meadows Subdivision

Dear Ms. Millhouse:

On behalf of the above-identified L.L.C., we wish to be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting scheduled for June 2, 2004. Please treat this letter as a request for a variance from the existing tree ordinance to allow efficient development of the above subdivision.

The specific variance sought amounts to slightly less than 6% of the regulated trees on site, or an approximate amount of 17 trees. The site in question consists of 22 acres and was previously farmed. The earlier farming resulted in a lack of stands of tall trees and created a series of scattered trees of questionable quality unlike many other subdivisions located within the City, which have been approved pursuant to the existing tree ordinance.

It is our position that strict compliance with the existing ordinance without such a variance will result in unreasonable costs and undue hardship in that our site is not a standard situation. Our group is prepared to offer two trees for each tree planted pursuant to this variance request or, alternatively, payment to the City of Rochester Hills Tree Fund. Unfortunately, this particular site has scattered trees that consist of cottonwoods that the City does not allow as a replacement tree and fruit trees that have reached or are past their life span. We believe the granting of this variance will make this subdivision an asset to the community. This variance request is designed to create re-forestation rather than an effort in any fashion to circumvent the existing tree ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Rochester Meadows, L.L.C.
Managing Members

