



April 5, 2011

Mr. Jeremy Frazzell  
Planning Department  
City of Pflugerville  
Pflugerville, Texas

RE: Variance Request for Removal of Heritage Trees at Huntington Park

Mr. Frazzell:

This correspondence serves as a request for a variance to remove four Heritage Trees at the proposed Huntington Park subdivision located at the corners of Rowe Loop and Rowe Lane in Pflugerville. The trees to be removed are as follows:

35" Arizona Ash  
26" Arizona Ash  
25" Ash  
25" Ash

The reasons we are requesting removal of these trees are as follows:

1. Ash trees are considered "trash trees" by horticulturalists due to their short life (25-30 years) and their fragile branches which are prone to breaking off in high winds. The trees at the Huntington Park site are mature and may only have a few years left.
2. If we were to protect these trees, it would result in alterations to the configuration of the subdivision which would require lot depths to be less than allowed under the Zoning Ordinance (120 feet) and thus a variance from P&Z. It would also require the loss of one or two lots currently specified on the Preliminary Plat.

Two exhibits are attached with this letter request:

1. The required alterations to the roadway and alley if the four trees are to be preserved.
2. The proposed subdivision configuration if the trees are removed including the preliminarily proposed location of new trees.



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In place of the Ash trees to be removed, it is proposed by the developer that live oak, pecan and other desirable hardwoods be planted within the proposed subdivision according to City of Pflugerville tree mitigation rules. According to our calculations, the City's tree mitigation rules will require 139 new 2" trees. We do not believe this many trees will reasonably fit on the site, thus we are proposing 28 new 2" trees to be located approximately as specified on the attached exhibit.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Regards,

Thomas Loomis, P.E.  
Loomis Partners, Inc.