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RE: McDonalds, Linn Station Road, Case #20-DDP-0004

Dear Julia:

I represent the City of Hurstbourne, whose City Engineer Chris Crumpton has reviewed the plans for the renovation and building addition to the McDonalds at 1100 South Hurstbourne Parkway and found that the plans do not propose Americans with Disability Act compliant sidewalks, handicapped ramps, and entrances.

Specifically, the areas in the red outlined area of the attached plan have existing sidewalk, handicap ramps and entrances that do not meet current ADA compliance requirements. The entrance into and out the site is too steep and does not conform with Metro or KYTC construction detail. Cross slopes on sidewalks need to be less than 2%. Handicap ramps need to conform to current requirements and need tactile warning strips. Additionally, the sidewalk and handicap ramp should tie into Liberty Bank Lane with a compliant ramp.

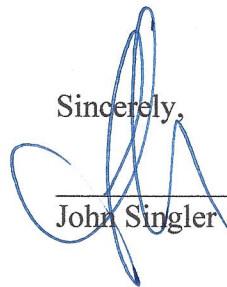
Work is proposed in the City of Hurstbourne right of way on Linn Station Road and will require an encroachment permit. The City of Hurstbourne does not approve development plans or encroachment permits where the proposed work area is not brought up to ADA standards. The request for a Category 2 plan should mean that the entire site needs to be brought up to compliance with the ADA. This includes the existing sidewalks and entrances, which daily bring patrons to this restaurant. Further, the plan itself proposes a new pedestrian access onto the Linn Station Road sidewalk system. It seems inconsistent to contend that this developer has no responsibility for ADA compliance on the existing sidewalk when its plan shows a new physical connection to that same sidewalk.

What happens if we let this go? The cost of ADA compliance of the sidewalks ultimately gets put on the backs of taxpayers, while a multi-national corporation worth billions of dollars allows its disabled patrons to access its restaurant without the tactile

strips and cross slopes that are there to protect their lives. The City of Hurstbourne has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars updating sidewalks, installing tactile strips and sidewalk ramps around the City to ADA standards and will continue to do so. I am informed by the City engineer that it is commonplace for City governments and KYTC to require ADA upgrades to existing sidewalks whenever developers propose work in their right of way. Surely this is an instance where this enormous corporation could be expected to live up to its purported ideals and help the taxpayers and the handicapped community to make these pedestrian areas compliant, especially where this restaurant is connected to and uses those facilities daily.

The City asks that this plan not be approved without the ADA compliance described herein and that this letter be added to the official record.

Sincerely,



John Singler

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