



CITY OF INDIAN HILLS

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Louisville Metro Planning and Design Services
444 S. Fifth Street, Suite 300
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
Attn: Clara Schweiger – Associate Planner

SENT VIA EMAIL: Clara.Schweiger@louisvilleky.gov

Re: 22-CAT2-0021 – Sidewalk Waiver

Dear Ms. Schweiger,

In my capacity as Mayor of the City of Indian Hills, it has come to my attention that the applicant in the above case, Louisville Country Club, has been requested to construct sidewalks on its property frontage along Indian Hills Trail. In turn, Louisville Country Club has requested a waiver of the sidewalk requirement set forth in Section 6.26(D) of the Louisville Metro Land Development Code.

On behalf of the City of Indian Hills, please be advised that the city strongly opposes construction of sidewalks along this area. The City of Indian Hills maintains jurisdiction and responsibility for the majority of Indian Hills Trail until Louisville Metro's jurisdiction and responsibility commences just north of Rio Vista Drive. The City of Indian Hills currently has no sidewalks along its portion of Indian Hills Trail and has no intention of installing sidewalks along Indian Hills Trail for a variety of reasons that support Louisville Country Club's request for a sidewalk waiver and as indicated in the Land Development Code.

For example, if sidewalks were to be constructed on the relatively small section of Indian Hills Trail fronting Louisville Country Club, which section of the road is the responsibility of Louisville Metro, the sidewalks would inevitably lead nowhere because there are no other sidewalks along Indian Hills Trail in the City of Indian Hills. As the Land Development Code reflects, this scenario supports a waiver where sidewalks do not exist in the area and there is not a likelihood for sidewalks to be constructed in the future. In addition, because the proposed sidewalks would lead nowhere, if a pedestrian were to use the sidewalk, they might be left in a dangerous and unsafe situation requiring them to traverse the road where the sidewalks end.

Another factor supporting waiver in the Land Development Code is that the granting of a sidewalk waiver would not adversely affect adjacent property owners in the City of Indian Hills. The area where the sidewalk installation has been requested from Louisville Country Club's property south

to Rio Vista has virtually no residences fronting Indian Hills Trail, making sidewalks unnecessary and without purpose.

The affected area also has steep slopes virtually next to the road, making their construction and installation nearly impossible from a practical standpoint without the removal of many mature trees, eliminating the desired tree canopy, and further creating soil slippage and erosion issues. This factor further supports waiver in the Land Development Code where site constraints make sidewalk construction impracticable.

In closing, the City of Indian Hills respectfully requests that Louisville Metro Planning Commission and/or BOZA support the requested waiver and not require the sidewalk installation along Indian Hills Trail. I further request that this opinion be submitted into the official record on behalf of the City of Indian Hills.

Sincerely,

Chip Hancock
By [Signature]

Chip Hancock
Mayor, City of Indian Hills

cc: Indian Hills City Council
Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk
Jim Graven, Director of Public Works
Finn Cato, City Attorney