

Joseph & Taya Neely
4630 E. Franklin Rd.
Norman, OK 73026

September 22, 2015

Dear Mayor Rosenthal and City Council Members;

My wife and I are currently in the process of rezoning our property located at 4630 E. Franklin Rd. Norman Ok 73026 in order to tear down the existing old house and build a new more efficient home. We purchased the property in 2004 while stationed at Tinker AFB and have always considered Norman home. We have been stationed away from Norman for the past eight years. It was always the plan to return to Norman, build a new home and retire from the Navy. We are now back in Norman and have started to initiate the planning stages of building our forever home. In doing so we discovered the property is not grandfathered into prior sub zoning requirements due to a change in the original plat back in 1975. Therefore, in order to make any changes to this property other than current structures it must be rezoned.

We have worked tirelessly with the city staff in trying to figure out the correct path to take in this process. The initial plat has been performed, and during the rezoning process it was brought to our attention from the transportation department, the long term future plans to develop Franklin Road. Therefore, a bond for improvement is required and estimated around \$50,000 and a change to the easement from 30 ft to 50 ft. As I understand the bond process, if the bond is not used within ten years for the intended development, the funds are then returned to the owner. It has also been noted the likelihood of the development for Franklin Road within that time frame is unlikely.

My wife and I completely understand the need for development improvements and the city's duty to make sure any additional stress to the infrastructure due to this development is taken into consideration. Unfortunately, with the current sub zoning laws there are no provisions for our case where the direct homeowners only improving the asset would not be subjected to the transportation improvement requirements. The reasoning for this is because the land is not being subdivided for profitable development and the rezoning would not add any additional stress to the infrastructure.

We are asking that you take into consideration all the above information and waive the improvement requirements from this rezoning proposal. This will allow us to move forward with the final stage of requesting rezoning from the City Council on Oct. 13, 2015. Without the waiver granted I am afraid we will not be able to move forward with our plans and will have to sell the property and relocate. Please know that the city staff has worked with us every step of the way and has assisted us diligently in this process. We appreciate all who have taken time from their everyday work schedules to assist in this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph Neely & Taya Neely