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Mr. Raymond H. Dings
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Wichita, Kansas 67216-2749

Dear Mr. Dings:

This letter is to confirm our conversation at my office on June 25, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Fire Departments access requirements for the Homeland Addition that you are platting through the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

We concluded with the agreement that you would provide a second cul-de-sac at the mid point of the long east to west street. We also discussed the necessity of a second means of emergency access. It was decided that the existing easement between the two properties that currently face 127th St. E. would be maintained as an Fire Apparatus Access Road. This road may be supplied with a gate and locked to limit traffic to that of an emergency nature to satisfy neighboring residents. This street must be provided with and maintain a twenty feet (20') unobstructed driving surface and a thirteen feet six inches (13'6") of vertical clearance.

In my opinion the double cul-de-sacs will provide the fire department with adequate clearances to stage additional apparatus in the event of a fire in the west half of the development. Also, if there are no plans to extend this development to the north and with the property owners not willing to connect with this development. I see no reason, from a fire protection standpoint, for the dedicated road easement extending to the north.

I appreciate you taking the time to come and visit with me so that we could work out this issue. I realize that sometimes it seems that the Fire Department makes some pretty outrages requests. However, we try to look at every plat with the mind set of "what if the worst happens." Our concerns are mainly based on the safety of the citizens that live in these developments. Our primary objective in this process is to provide the most remote lot with

the same quick and efficient service as the lot at the entrance to the development.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office at 744-0471 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If I am not available please leave a message on my voice mail and I will return your call. I would also be more than happy to review any future developments that you plan out in the County prior to them being submitted to the Sub-Division Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Duane H. Potter
Sedgwick County Fire Department

cc: file

