

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANUAL DESIGN MODIFICATION REQUEST

PROJECT NAME: The Retreat at Hook Farms 2 nd Plat	
PREMISE ADDRESS: 2020 SW Hook Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64082	
PERMIT NUMBER:	
OWNER'S NAME: Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Inc.	
TO: The City Engineer	
In accordance with the Lee's Summit Design and Construction Manual (DCM) Sect apply for a modification to one or more specification (s). The following articulates review and action. (NOTE: Cite specific code sections and engineering justification 5605.3 Stream Preservation and Buffer Zones- we are requesting a waiver/modificencroach on the prescribed stream buffer widths in specific areas as identified on An encroachment is requested to remove all stream buffer requirements/easemer family lots. The area that is being requested to be modified out of the required speen previously used for agricultural purposes and has been disturbed by row cro	s my request for your n and drawings.) cation to this section to on the attached exhibit. nts from limits of single- stream buffer limits has
SUBMITTED BY: NAME: Julie Sellers () OWNER (x) ON ADDRESS: 1301 Burlington, Suite 100 Tel.# (816) 361.1177 CITY, STATE, ZIP: North Kansas City, MO 64116 Email: jsellers@olsson.com SIGNATURE:	
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City of Lee's Summit, MO Attn: Mike Weisenborn 220 SE Green Street Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Re: The Retreat at Hook Farms Second Plat-Stream Buffer Variance Request

Dear Mike:

This letter is to support the stream buffer waiver request on The Retreat at Hook Farms Second Plat project to reduce the required buffer width.

Per APWA Section 5605.3 Stream Preservation and Buffer Zones, the required stream buffer width is based on total contributing drainage basin size, which results in a 100-foot-wide setback zone for this project. The purpose of the stream setback is to ensure there is sufficient space for a stream to meander in a natural manner and protect the adjacent environment. Section 5605.3.B.4 also mentioned how dense areas of native vegetation shall be maintained and how the 25 feet closest to the top of bank is the critical limits.

The stream buffer setbacks encroach on lots 186-191 of The Retreat at Hook Farms Second Plat. The city has requested an easement be placed over the stream buffer limits. From review of historic site imagery and site visits, this area has been under agricultural use for many years. Agricultural uses routinely disturb areas which prevents the growth of mature riparian vegetation. Due to the no active stream buffer existing in this area, we are requesting the setback zone be adjusted to remove the lot area and follow the rear lot lines.

Along with the above, it has been found that placing stream buffer requirements/easement on individual homeowner lots is not an ideal way of protecting the stream. Individual homeowners typically want fenced yards, mowed grasses, and other backyard improvements which go against stream buffer protection measures.

While this request is asking to remove stream buffer setback zones, per the enclosed exhibit, this is limited to an approximate maximum setback distance of 35 feet, resulting in a total area of 0.378 acres. Areas outside of the shown disturbed limits, will maintain required setback distances and existing vegetation around the creek.

We are requesting the city approve with waiver/modification request to allow the final stream buffer setback to be reduced where it encroaches on lots, as shown in the attached exhibit. Shall you have any questions about this request please reach out to us at jsellers@olsson.com or 816.299.4340.

Sincerely,

Julie Sellers, PE Project Engineer

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