

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – Development Review Services



October 23, 2014

Steve Hamm, Chairman
High Desert Residential Owners Association (HDROA)
New Construction Committee (NCC)
PO Box 67590
Albuquerque, NM 87193-7590

Richard J. Berry, Mayor

RE: NCC's Review of Grading and Drainage Plans (F23D010)

Dear Mr. Hamm:

I recently sent a letter to Mr. Russ Welsch concerning the review and approval of Grading and Drainage plans. It is my understanding that Mr. Welsch has resigned, and so I am sending a new letter to the new chairman and any new board members to ensure that the NCC Board is aware of the City's position. The contents of the previous letter to Mr. Welsch are restated below, with the underlined and italicized section being added:

It has come to the City's attention that the agreement between HDROA and the City needs to be restated. The Drainage Report for Tract 13 at High Desert (October, 2002 by Bohannon Houston) states that the Grading and Drainage Plans (G&D Plans) on the estate lots were to be submitted to and approved by the HDROA NCC. Conversations with both Kym Dicome (Developer at the time) and Kevin Patton (Engineer) indicate that HDROA NCC agreed to contract a qualified engineer to review all G&D plans. It was with this understanding that the City agreed to sign off on building permits without going through the hydrology section for a review. To honor the agreement, we would like to be sure that this practice is currently in place. *To ensure this practice is in place, an approval letter from a qualified engineer (with the Engineer's stamp on the letter) will be required for all new construction. The letter should be attached to the Grading and Drainage plan when submitted for Building Permit.*

The qualified engineer who reviews the G&D plans must ensure the Plan meets the City's Drainage Ordinance. Information on significant ordinance changes is attached. Primarily, stormwater control measures shall be designed to manage the "first flush" and control runoff generated by contributing impervious surfaces.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at 924-3695.

Sincerely,

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