

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

1. <u>Directors Report</u>: Action taken on the Planning & Zoning items by City Council at the 3/10/09 and 3/24/09 City Council meetings.

Consent Agenda

- 2. Approve minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting.
- Combination Plat Consider a Combination Plat for Lot 1, Block A, Harvest Oaks Baptist Church Addition; being 3.616± acres located north of Bethany Drive between Cheyenne Drive and Big Bend Drive.

Regular Agenda

- Replat/Public Hearing Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a Replat for Lots 13R-1 & 13R-2, Block G, Bray Central One Addition being a Replat of Part of Lots 1R-4 and 2R-2, Block G, Bray Central One Addition. The property is 4.765± acres located south of Medical Drive between Watters Road and Junction Drive.
- Replat/Public Hearing Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a Replat for Lots 2R-1-2C and 2R-2-2C, Block G, being a Replat of a portion of Lot 2R – 2C, Block G, Bray Central One Addition. The property is 7.349± acres located south of Exchange Parkway between Watters Road and Junction Drive.
- Residential Replat/Public Hearing Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a Residential Replat for Saddleridge Phase One, Lots 2R – 5R, Block B, being a Replat of Saddleridge Phase One, Lots 2 – 6, Block B. The property is 1.350± acres located northeast of Stacy Road between Norwich Street and Fair Hill Drive.
- Residential Replat/Public Hearing Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a Residential Replat for Saddleridge Phase Two, Lots 4R – 8R, Block D, being a Replat of Saddleridge Phase Two, Lots 4 – 9, Block D. The property is 1.687± acres located south of Ridgeview Drive, and north of Hawkwood Way and Kenilworth Street.
- Residential Replat/Public Hearing Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a Residential Replat for Saddleridge phase Two, Lots 13R – 18R, Block C, being a Replat of Saddleridge Phase Two, Lots 13 – 19, Block C. The property is 2.121± acres located northeast of Stacy Road and south on Hawkwood Way.

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- Public Hearing Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a request for an amendment to PD Planned Development No. 54, Tract 30 from CF/SF Community Facilities/Single Family to Single-family Residential R-5 and modify the front yard and side yard setbacks for Waterford Parks. The property is 2.8± acres in the Michael See Survey, Abstract 544, Collin County, Allen, Texas; located east of Bray Central Drive, south of Everglades Drive.
- 10. Public Hearing Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a request for an amendment to PD Planned Development No. 73 for SC Shopping Center uses, for an amendment to the Sign Plan for the development. The property is 167.7± acres in The Village of Allen, Allen, Texas, located at the southeast corner of US75 and Stacy Road.
- 11. Public Hearing Conduct a Public Hearing and consider amendments to the Allen Land Development Code by amending Article V. Floodplain Hazard, to adopt new Flood Insurance Rate Maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to provide a penalty section, and make general clerical updates to the existing language.

Executive Session (As needed)

As authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

Adjournment

This notice was posted at Allen City Hall, 305 Century Parkway, Allen, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Friday, April 3, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Shelley B. George, City Secretary

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Director's Report from 3/10/09 and 3/24/09 City Council Meetings

There were no items taken to the March 10, 2009 City Council meeting for consideration.

There was one item taken to the March 24, 2009 City Council meeting for consideration. The Racetrac SUP was approved by the City Council with the condition that an additional three foot landscape screening would be added along the common boundaries between Racetrac and American National Bank.

AGENDA DATE:	April 7, 2009
SUBJECT:	Consider a Combination Plat for Lot 1, Block A, Harvest Oaks Baptist Church Addition; being $3.616\pm$ acres located north of Bethany Drive between Cheyenne Drive and Big Bend Drive.
STAFF RESOURCE:	Lee Battle, AICP Assistant Director of Planning & Development
PREVIOUS COMMISSION/COUNCIL ACTION:	A SUP Specific Use Permit was approved by P&Z on November 18, 2008, and by City Council on December 9, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The property is located north of Bethany Drive between Cheyenne Drive and Big Bend Drive. The property is surrounded by R-5 Residential.

Harvest Oaks Baptist Church has received a Specific Use Permit for this property. Currently the property has an existing building but has not been officially platted. The site plan, included in the SUP ordinance, shows construction of the church in two phases. Improvements to the existing building (Phase I) have begun.

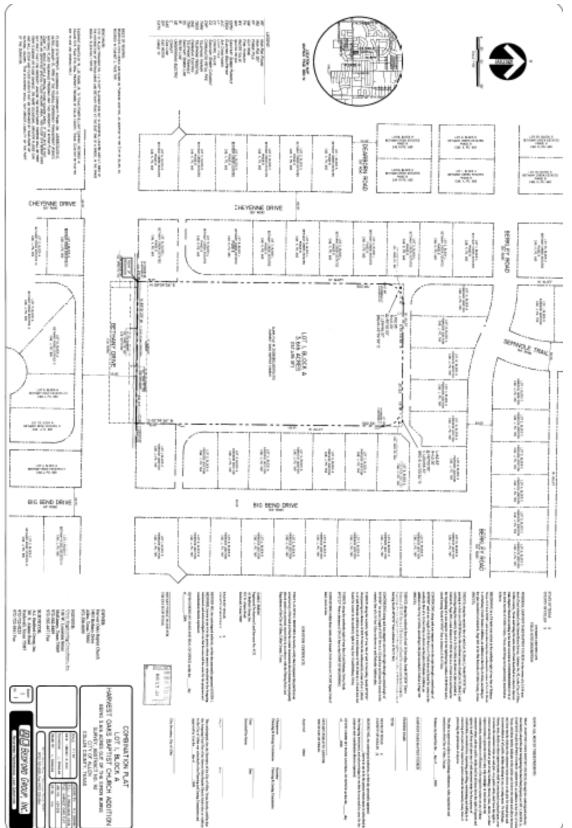
The Combination Plat has been reviewed by the Technical Review Committee and meets the requirements of the Allen Land Development Code.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval

ATTACHMENT

Combination Plat



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STAFF RESOURCE:	Tiffany McLeod Planner
PREVIOUS BOARD/ COUNCIL ACTION:	The property is zoned PD 54 for IT Industrial Technology.

BACKGROUND

This property is located south of Medical Drive between Watters Road and Junction Drive. It is surrounded by PD Planned Development 54 for IT Industrial Technology.

The purpose of the replat is to subdivide portions of Lots 1R-4 and 2R-2, Block G to create Lots 13R-1 and 13R-2. Office buildings are being proposed for both lots; a 15,000 sq.ft. medical office building in Lot 13R-1 and a 28,000 sq.ft. office building in Lot 13R-2.

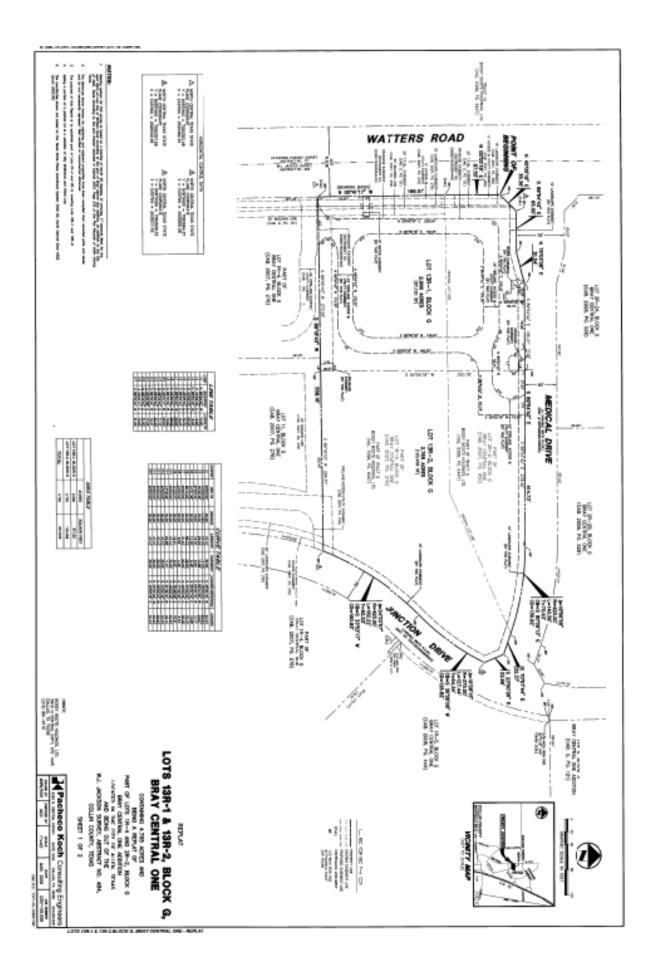
This replat has been reviewed by the Technical Review Committee and meets the requirements of the Allen Land Development Code.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Replat



AGENDA DATE:	April 7, 2009
SUBJECT:	Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider a Replat for Lots 2R-1-2C and 2R-2-2C, Block G, being a Replat of a portion of Lot 2R - 2C, Block G, Bray Central One Addition. The property is $7.349\pm$ acres located south of Exchange Parkway between Watters Road and Junction Drive.
STAFF RESOURCE:	Tiffany McLeod Planner
PREVIOUS BOARD/ COUNCIL ACTION:	The property is zoned PD 54 for IT Industrial Technology.

BACKGROUND

This property is located south of Exchange Parkway between Watters Road and Junction Drive. It is surrounded by PD Planned Development 54 for IT Industrial Technology.

The purpose of the replat is to divide Lot 2R-2C, Block G into two lots. The proposed development for Lot 2R-1-2C is a medical office plaza consisting of two 8,300 sq.ft. buildings. A site plan for this development has been reviewed by staff and approved by the Director of Planning and Development. Nothing has been submitted, at this time, for Lot 2R-2-2C.

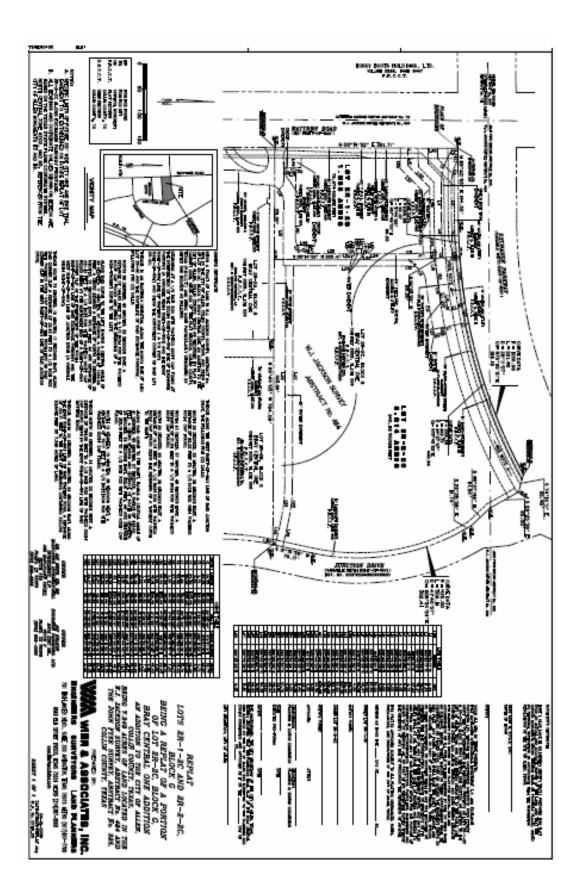
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

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AGENDA DATE:	April 7, 2009
SUBJECT:	Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider a Residential Replat for Saddleridge Phase One, Lots $2R - 5R$, Block B, being a Replat of Saddleridge Phase One, Lots $2 - 6$, Block B. The property is $1.350\pm$ acres located northeast of Stacy Road between Norwich Street and Fair Hill Drive.
STAFF RESOURCE:	Tiffany McLeod Planner
PREVIOUS BOARD/ COUNCIL ACTION:	A Final Plat for Saddleridge Phase One was approved by P&Z in September, 2006.
PUBLIC NOTICE:	Notices mailed to property owners within 200 ft. – March 20, 2009. Newspaper notice published - March 19, 2009.

BACKGROUND

This property is located northeast of Stacy Road between Norwich Street and Fair Hill Drive. The property is zoned PD Planned Development No. 72 for R-5 Residential.

The purpose of the replat is to revise the lot lines of Lots 2 through 6. The developer initially planned the subject lots with the average lot width being approximately 81 feet. These lots accommodate some of their smaller homes. However, according to the developer, the current market demand is for one of their larger products. The replat reduces the number of lots within this strip from five to four; thereby creating larger lots. These larger lots provide sufficient area for the developer's larger home product. The new lot sizes and number of lots remain within the standards of the PD-72 (R-5) zoning district.

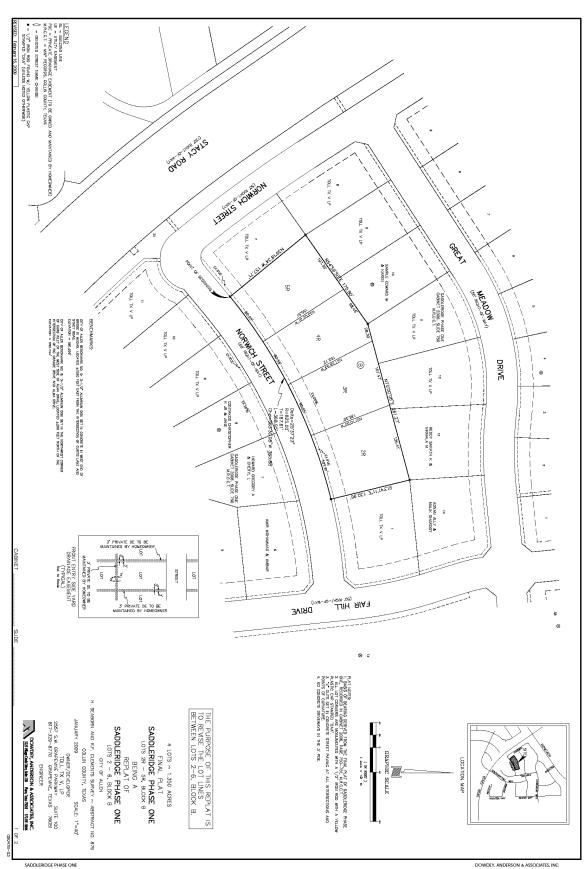
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Replat Property Ownership List Property Ownership Notification Map Location Map



SADDLERIDGE PHASE ONE

AGENDA DATE:	April 7, 2009
SUBJECT:	Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider a Residential Replat for Saddleridge Phase Two, Lots $4R - 8R$, Block D, being a Replat of Saddleridge Phase Two, Lots $4 - 9$, Block D. The property is $1.687\pm$ acres located south of Ridgeview Drive, and north of Hawkwood Way and Kenilworth Street.
STAFF RESOURCE:	Tiffany McLeod Planner
PREVIOUS BOARD/ COUNCIL ACTION:	A Final Plat for Saddleridge Phase Two was approved by P&Z in September, 2006.
PUBLIC NOTICE:	Notices mailed to property owners within 200 ft. – March 20, 2009. Newspaper notice published - March 19, 2009.

BACKGROUND

This property is located south of Ridgeview Drive and north of Hawkwood Way and Kenilworth Street. The property is zoned PD Planned Development No. 72 for R-5 Residential.

The purpose of the replat is to revise the lot lines of Lots 4 through 9. The developer initially planned the subject lots with the average lot width being approximately 78 feet. These lots accommodate some of their smaller homes. However, according to the developer, the current market demand is for one of their larger products. The replat reduces the number of lots within this strip from six to five; thereby creating larger lots. These larger lots provide sufficient area for the developer's larger home product. The new lot sizes and number of lots remain within the standards of the PD-72 (R-5) zoning district.

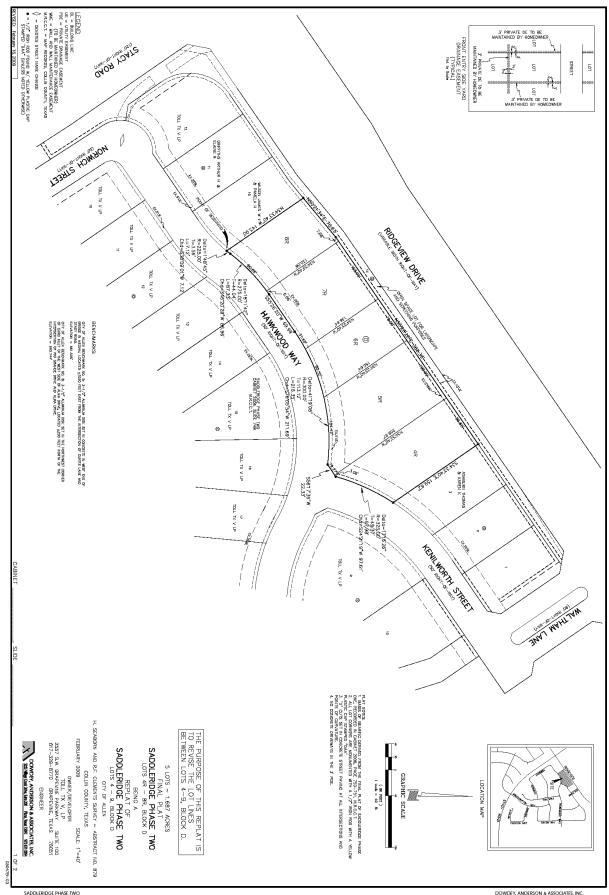
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

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DOWDEY, ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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STAFF RESOURCE:	Tiffany McLeod Planner
PREVIOUS BOARD/ COUNCIL ACTION:	A Final Plat for Saddleridge Phase Two was approved by P&Z in September, 2006.
PUBLIC NOTICE:	Notices mailed to property owners within 200 ft. – March 20, 2009. Newspaper notice published - March 19, 2009.

BACKGROUND

This property is located northeast of Stacy Road and south on Hawkwood Way. The property is zoned PD Planned Development No. 72 for R-5 Residential.

The purpose of the replat is to revise the lot lines of Lots 13 through 19. The developer initially planned the subject lots with the average lot width being approximately 77 feet. These lots accommodate some of their smaller homes. However, according to the developer, the current market demand is for one of their larger products. The replat reduces the number of lots within this strip from seven to six; thereby creating larger lots. These larger lots provide sufficient area for the developer's larger home product. The new lot sizes and number of lots remain within the standards of the PD-72 (R-5) zoning district.

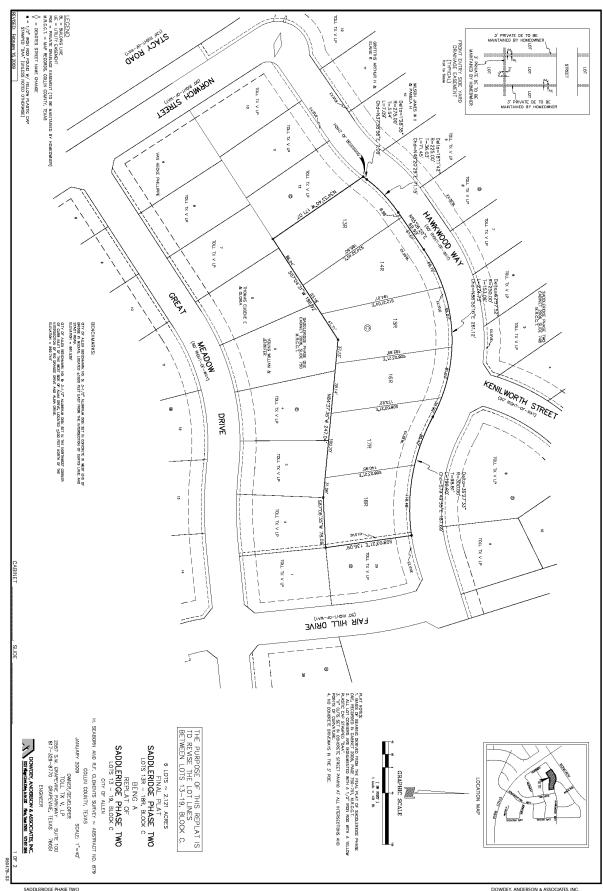
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

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DOWDEY, ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.

AGENDA DATE:	April 7, 2009
SUBJECT:	Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a request for an amendment to PD Planned Development No. 54, Tract 30 from CF/SF Community Facilities/Single Family to Single-family Residential R-5 and modify the front yard and side yard setbacks for Waterford Parks. The property is $2.8\pm$ acres in the Michael See Survey, Abstract 544, Collin County, Allen, Texas; located east of Bray Central Drive, south of Everglades Drive.
STAFF RESOURCE:	Lee Battle, AICP Assistant Director Planning & Development
PREVIOUS COMMISSION/ COUNCIL ACTION:	A Preliminary Plat for Waterford Parks Phases 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, was approved by P&Z, April, 2006.
PUBLIC NOTICE:	Notices mailed to property owners within 200 ft. – March 27, 2009. Newspaper notice will be published – April 9, 2009. Public hearing sign installed – March 27, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The property is located east of Bray Central Drive, south of Everglades Drive. The property to the north and west is zoned PD Planned Development No. 77 for R-5 Residential, the property to the east is zoned PD Planned Development No. 54 for IT Industrial Technology and the property to the south is zoned PD Planned Development No. 54 for CF Community Facilities – the future Beverly Cheatham Elementary.

This zoning modification applies to the single row of houses to be constructed south of Everglades Drive and north of the future Cheatham Elementary School (see attached exhibit). These houses will be on Blanco Drive, which will be constructed with the school. These will be front-entry homes since there is no alley access. The road will be built as a collector with a 60 ft. ROW to accommodate school traffic and on-street parking for the school and front-entry homes.

The Allen ISD and the developer Christopher Jackson have been working through issues related to the design of the school and construction of the road. They approached the City with a proposal that shifts the street pavement south within the 60 ft. ROW and provides additional depth to the residential lots to accommodate the houses being constructed. This will allow these houses to have front yards similar in depth to other houses in the neighborhood, and will insure that the entire street can be constructed with the school. Because a larger portion of the front yard will actually be parkway (ROW), the setbacks which are measured from the property line need to be modified. A zoning amendment is the only way to modify setbacks.

The attached graphics show a typical lot with a 25 ft. front setback and the proposed design. The proposed design has a 10 ft. front building setback, but a larger parkway. The result is a shallower lot, but with the additional parkway the distance from the street pavement to the house will be similar to other houses and yards in the neighborhood. This zoning also "resets" the base zoning to R-5 and establishes a 6 ft. side yard setback, which clarifies the requirements and makes the zoning "cleaner".

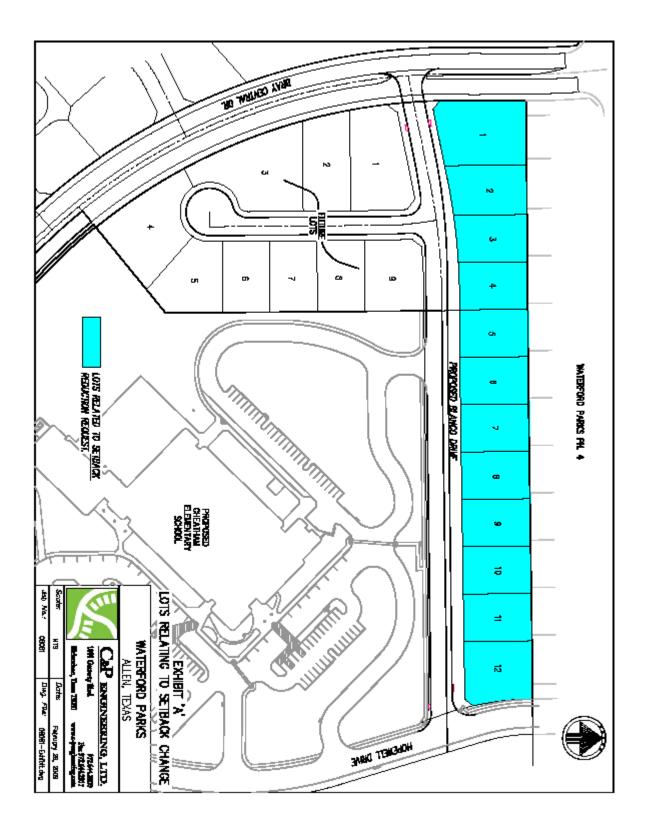
This is a good example of the school district and developer working together to resolve and issue with creativity and flexibility. Staff believes this proposal is a "win – win" solution.

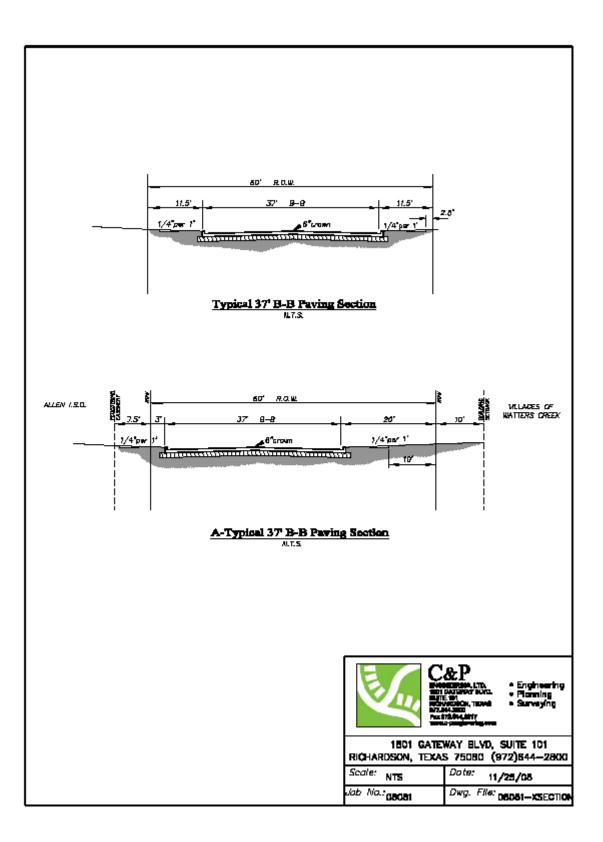
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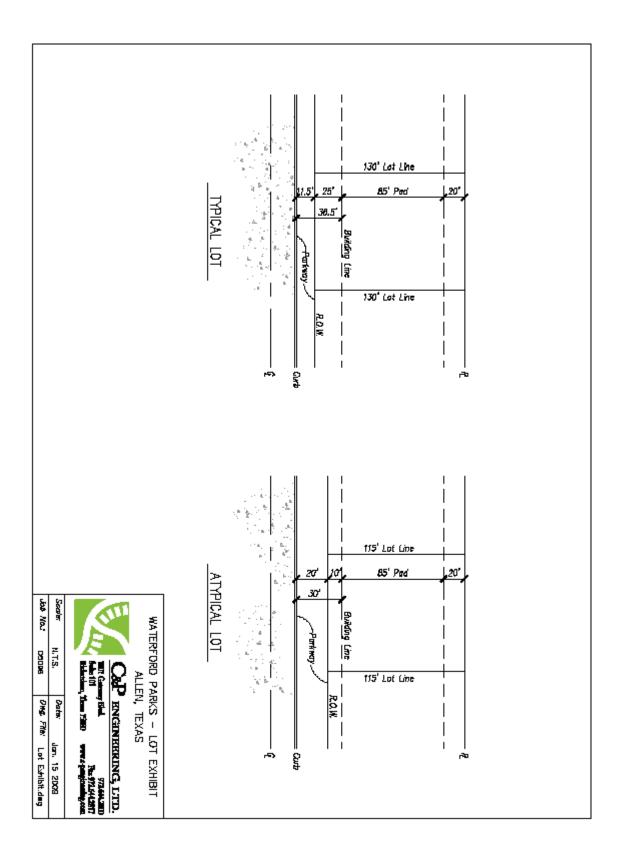
Approval

ATTACHMENT

Street Layout graphic Street Cross-Section graphic Lot Exhibit graphic Property Ownership List Property Owner Notification Map







AGENDA DATE:	April 7, 2009
SUBJECT:	Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a request for an amendment to PD Planned Development No. 73 for SC Shopping Center uses, for an amendment to the Sign Plan for the development. The property is $167.7\pm$ acres in The Village of Allen, Allen, Texas, located at the southeast corner of US75 and Stacy Road.
STAFF RESOURCE:	Ogden "Bo" Bass, AICP Director of Planning & Development
PREVIOUS COMMISSION/COUNCIL ACTION:	A Final Plat was approved by P&Z February 5,
	2008. An amendment to PD73, including approval of a sign plan, was approved by City Council in October, 2007.
PUBLIC NOTICE:	Notices mailed to property owners within 200 ft. – March 27, 2009. Newspaper notice published - March 26, 2009. Public hearing sign installed – March 27, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The property is located at the southeast corner of US75 and Stacy Road. The property to the north across Stacy Road, is the Town of Fairview. The property to the east is zoned R-5 Residential; the property to the south is zoned R-5 and R-7 Residential, and PD Planned Development No. 58 for LI Light Industrial. To the west is US75.

A sign plan accompanied the original ordinance for this development. At that time some of the actual signage had not been designed yet; therefore a number of signs in the plan were conceptual. Design of this development's signage is now complete. The purpose of the amendment is to modify the original sign plan by providing specific sign details, dimensions and types for all of the signs in this development.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION Approval

ATTACHMENT

Existing Sign Standards Proposed Sign Standards Sign Renderings Property Ownership List Property Owner Notification Map Event Center Sign Agreement PREPARED BY HUIF DESIGN, INC.

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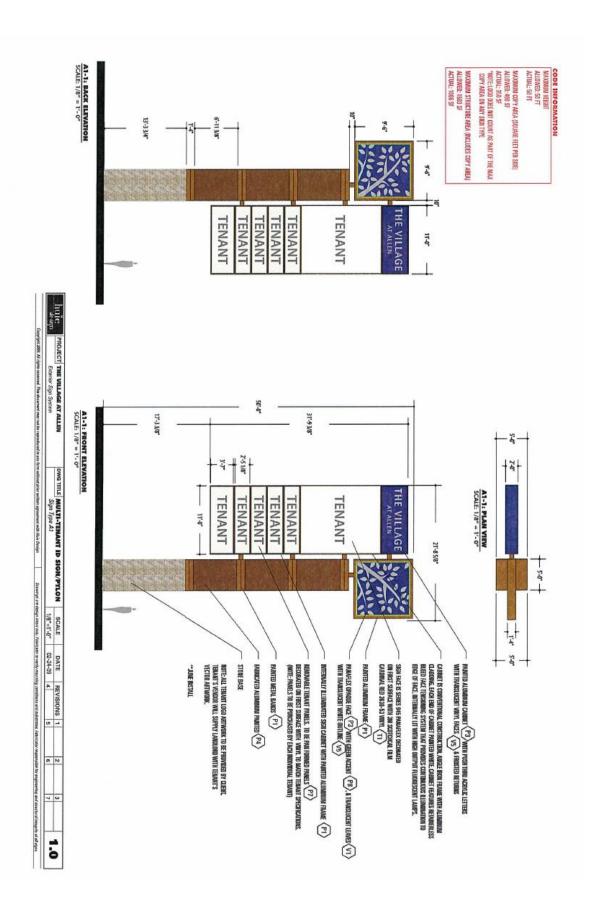
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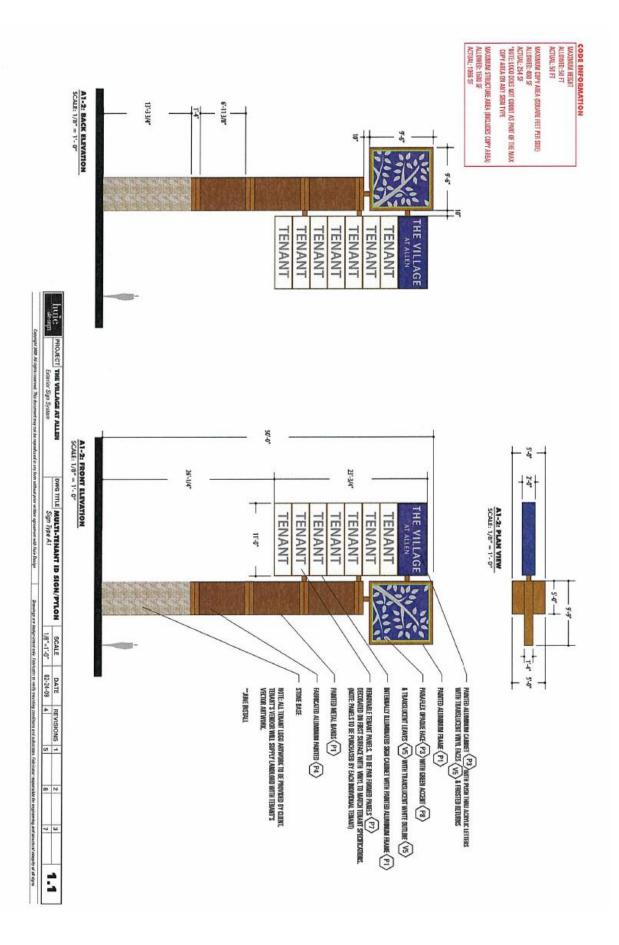
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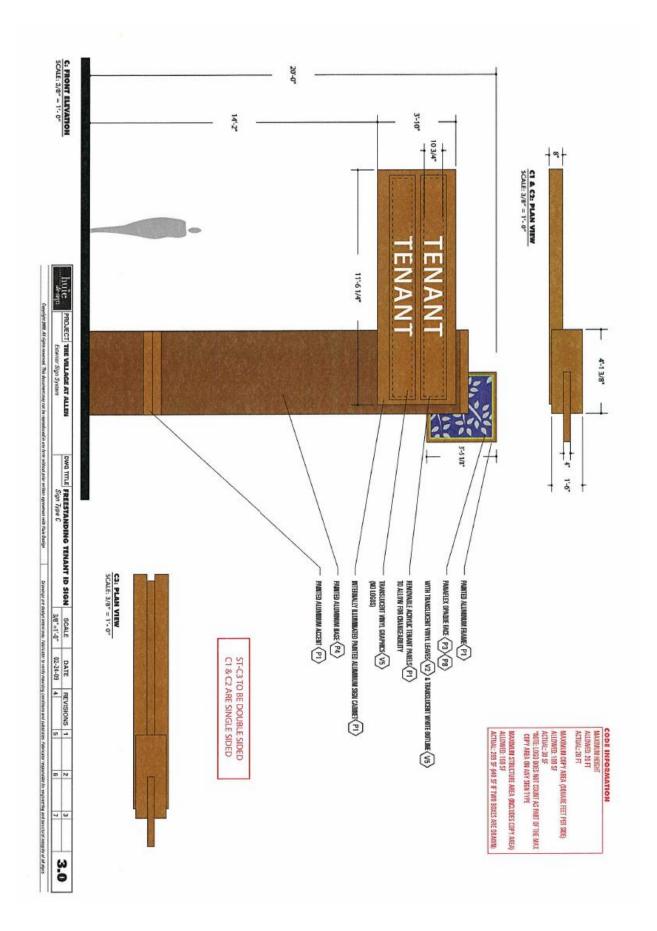
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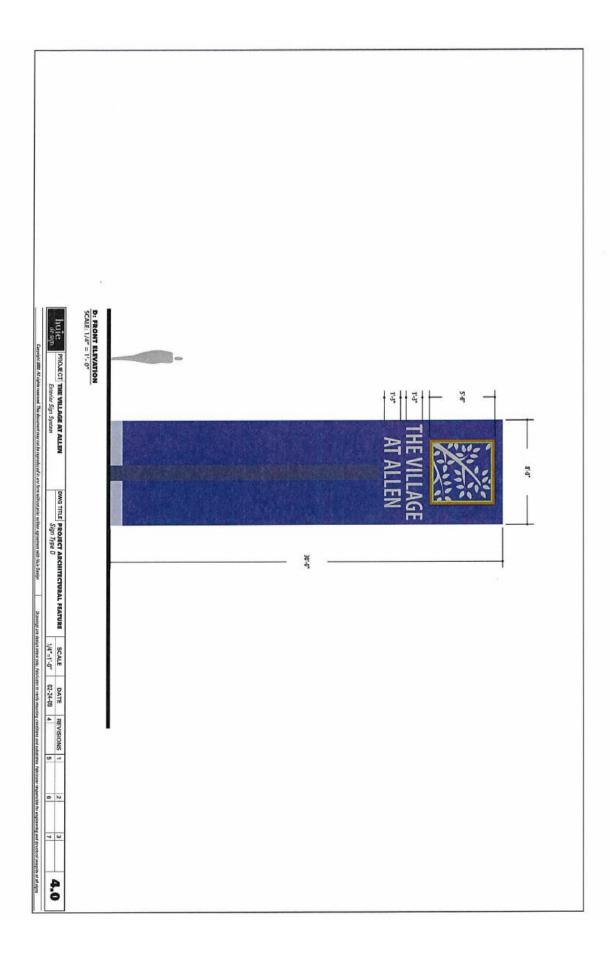
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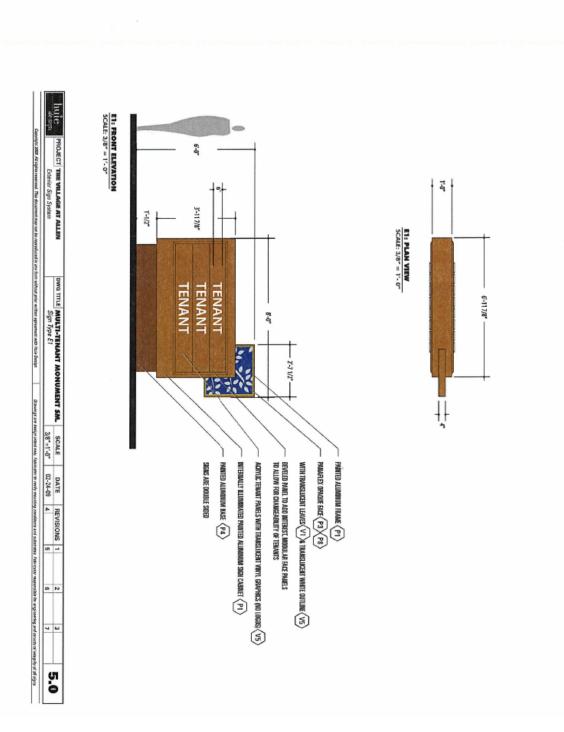










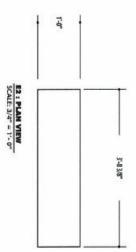


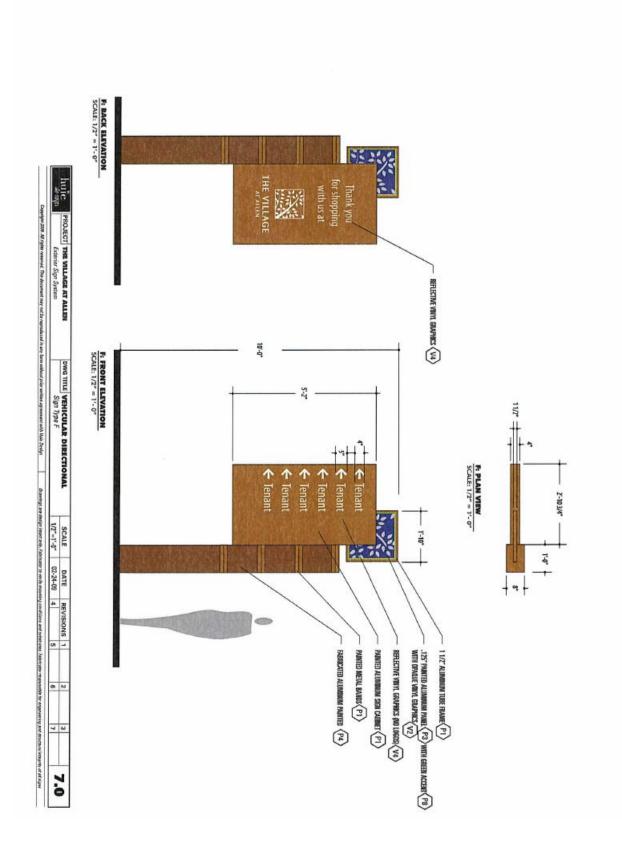
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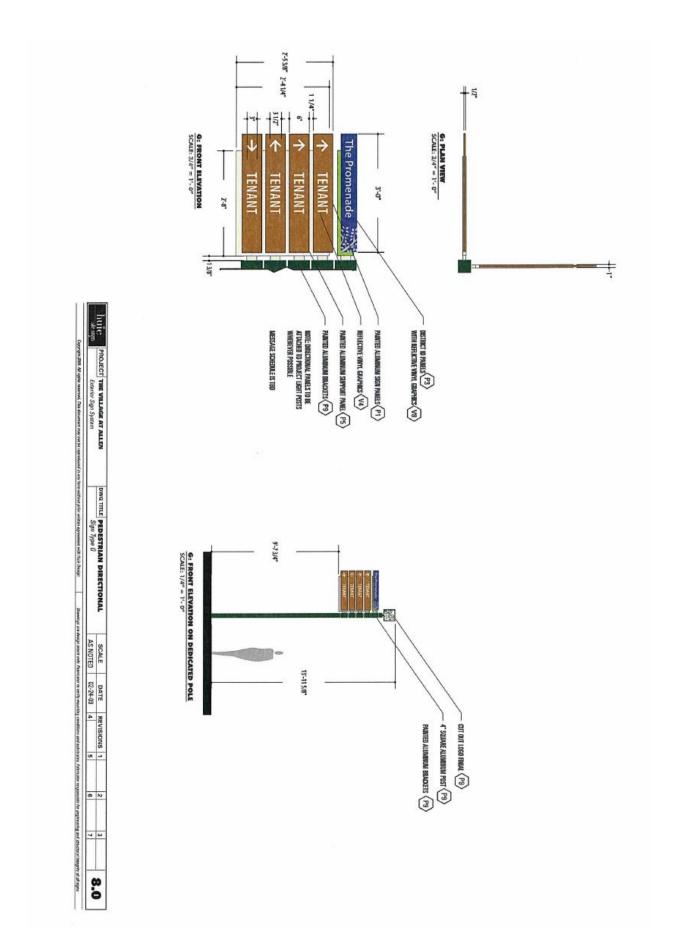
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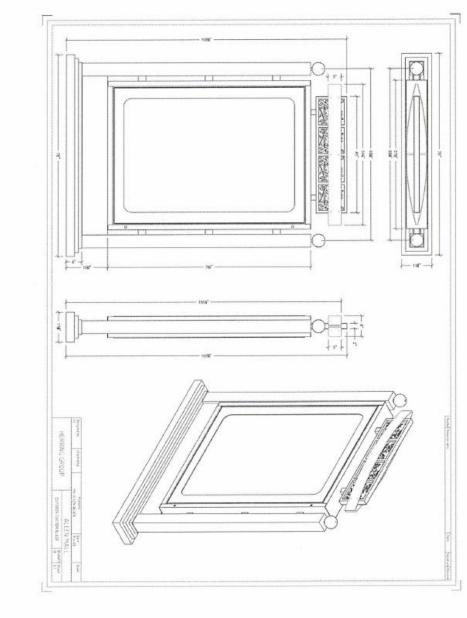




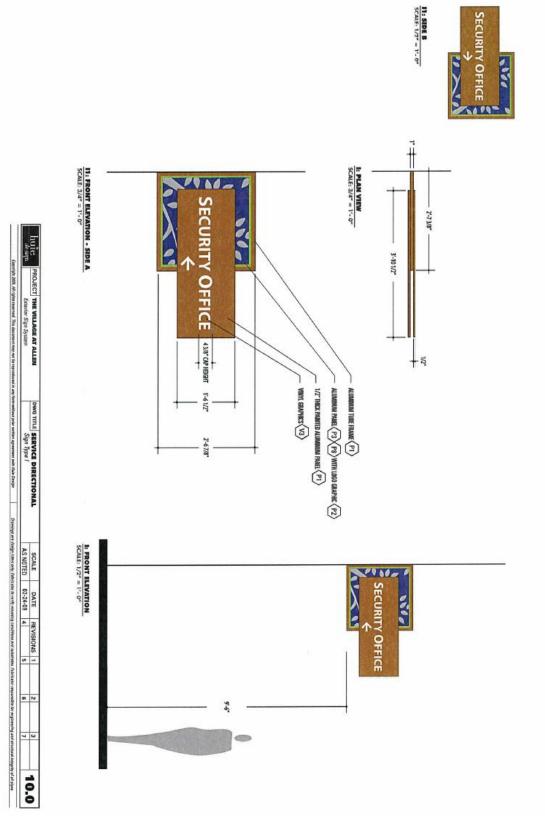


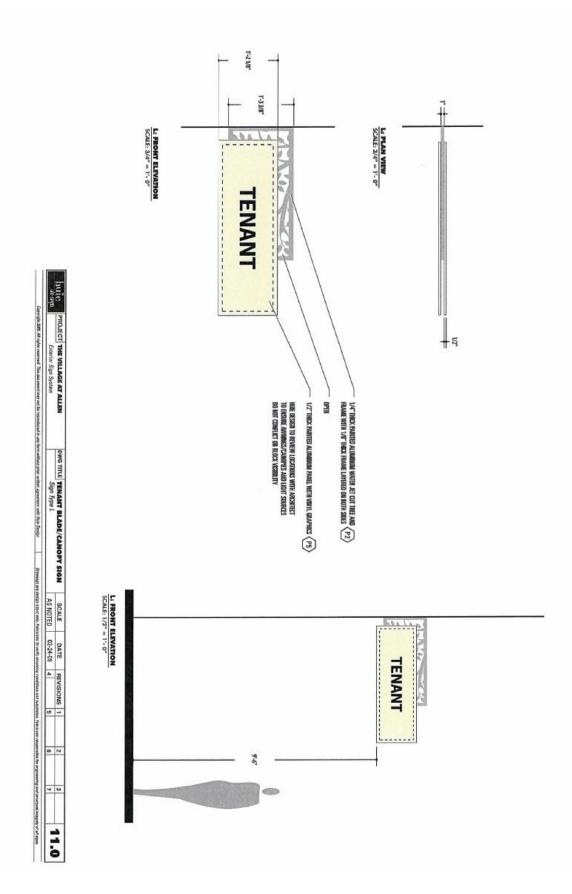


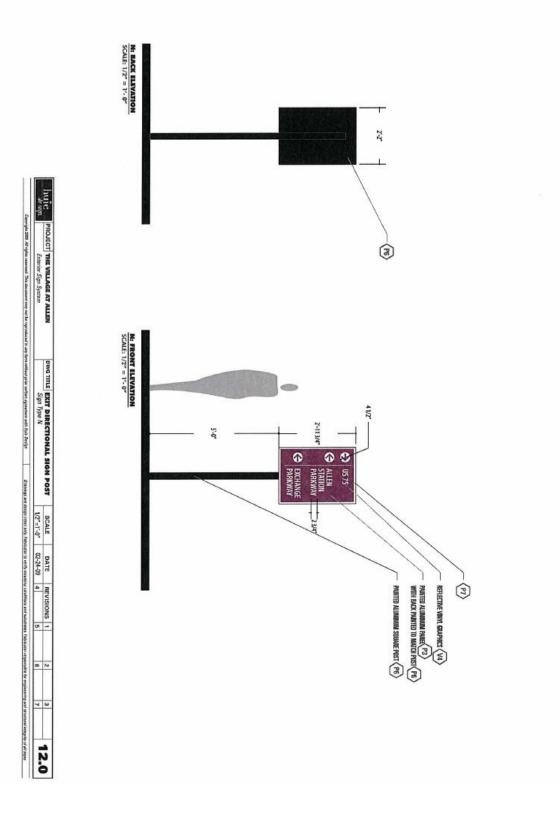




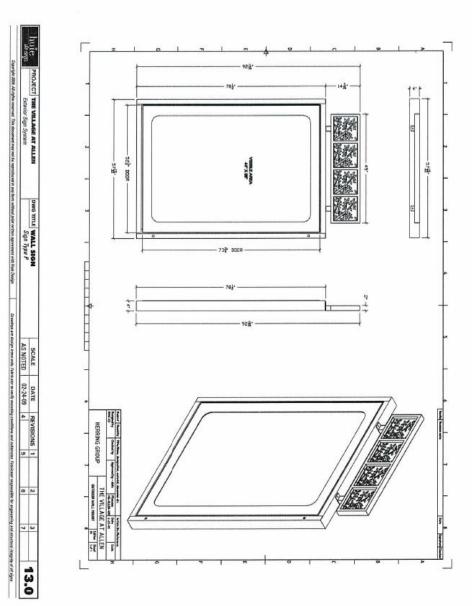




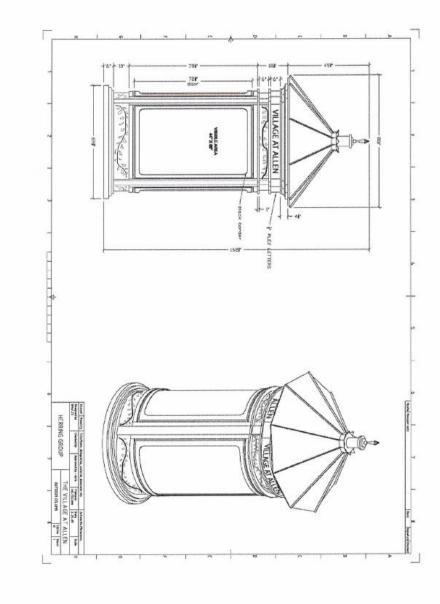






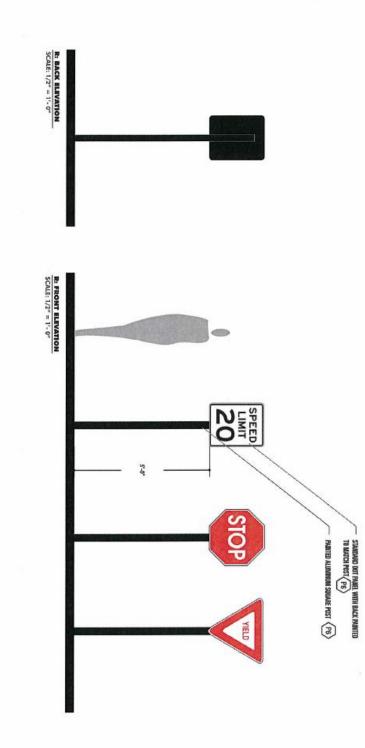








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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION AGENDA COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE:	April 7, 2009
SUBJECT:	Conduct a Public Hearing and consider a request for amendments to the Allen Land Development Code by amending Article V. Floodplain Hazard, to adopt new Flood Insurance Rate Maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to provide a penalty section, and make general clerical updates to the existing language.
STAFF RESOURCE: PREVIOUS BOARD/	Lee Battle, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Chris Flanigan, P.E., Assistant Director of Engineering
COUNCIL ACTION:	None
PUBLIC NOTICE:	Newspaper notice published – March 19, 2009

BACKGROUND

The City of Allen is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); which is a federal program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that makes flood insurance available to residents of Allen. In this program, Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are used to delineate specific areas of flooding hazard. The current maps used in Collin County are dated January 19, 1996. As part of a nationwide effort, FIRMs are being updated and the Collin County maps have now been updated and will be effective on June 2, 2009. These maps represent a considerable improvement over the older maps in the following respect:

- 1. The maps have improved technical accuracy through the use of improved topography.
- 2. New streets and boundaries are shown, which have changed considerably since 1996.
- 3. The maps are now digitized and able to be incorporated into our Geographic Information System (GIS) maps, providing seamless overlays with our existing aerial maps.

The NFIP requires that the floodplain ordinance (Article V of the Allen Land Development Code) be updated to adopt the latest version of FIRMs, which is a simple date change in the text of the code. Since a revision to this Article was being contemplated, a full review of the Article was initiated, to enhance:

- 1. Compliance and consistency with the Code of Flood Regulations (CFR)
- 2. Syntax
- 3. Clarity

The most substantive change in the proposed language is the addition of the last section to this Article, which relates to penalties. The section on penalties was added at the specific request of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), during a recent audit of our floodplain management program. The specific language was proposed by the TWDB and refined slightly by legal counsel.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed ALDC amendments Newspaper Notice

ARTICLE V SPECIAL ZONES

Section 5.01. Floodplain Hazard.

Section 5.01.1. Purpose

It is the purpose of this section Article to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to:

- 1. Protect human life and health;
- 2. Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- 3. Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- 4. Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- 5. Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets and bridges located in floodplains;
- 6. Assist in maintaining a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood-prone areas.
- 7. Insure adequate notification for purchasers of property.
- 8. Establish floodplain limits based on proposed fully developed watershed conditions;
- 9. Preserve the existing conveyance capacity of the floodplain;
- 10. Allow no rise in the base flood elevation.
- 11. Prevent the alteration or channelization of Rowlett Creek and all tributaries draining 160 acres or more except where required for safety and public welfare;
- 12. Limit the maximum average channel velocities to prevent excessive erosion which are dependent on specific channel, bed, and bank treatments.
- 13. Preserve stands of trees and other environmental features within the floodplain.

Section 5.01.2. Methods of Reducing Flood Losses.

In order to accomplish its purposes, this ordinance Article uses the following methods:

- 1. Restrict or prohibit uses that are dangerous to health, safety or property in times of flood, or cause excessive increases in flood heights or velocities;
- 2. Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- 3. Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which are involved in the accommodation of flood waters;
- 4. Control filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase flood damage;
- 5. Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards to other lands.

- 6. Prevents the construction of new private dwellings and regulates public and private facilities within the flood hazard area.
- 7. Require the platting and dedication of all land located within the ultimate 100-year floodplain.

Section 5.01.3. Definitions.

For purposes of this section Article, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to such words or phrases unless the context indicates otherwise.

- <u>Alluvial Fan Flooding</u> flooding occurring on the surface of an alluvial fan or similar landform which originates at the apex and is characterized by high-velocity flows; active processes of erosion, sediment transport, and deposition; and unpredictable flow paths.
- <u>Apex</u> point on an alluvial fan or similar landform below which the flow path of the major stream that formed the fan becomes unpredictable and alluvial fan flooding can occur.
- <u>Area of Shallow Flooding</u> a designated AO, AH, AR/AO, AR/AH or VO zone on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with a one percent chance or greater annual chance of flooding to an average depth of one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, and where the path of flooding is unpredictable and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding and is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.
- <u>Area of Special Flood Hazard</u> is the land in the floodplain subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be designated as Zone A on the Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)
- <u>Base Flood</u> the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.
- <u>Base Flood-Ultimate Development</u> the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year, based on a fully developed watershed. The data to be used for design and planning should be from the *City of Allen Linear Greenbelt Study*.
- <u>Critical Feature</u> an integral and readily identifiable part of a flood protection system, without which the flood protection provided by the entire system would be compromised.
- <u>Elevated Building</u> is a building without a basement
 - a. With a finished floor elevation or the lowest horizontal structural member elevated above the ground level by means of pilings, columns (posts and piers), or sheer walls parallel to the floor of the water; and
 - b. adequately anchored to maintain the structural integrity of the building during a 100-year flood event, and
 - c. includes a building elevated by means of fill or solid foundation perimeter walls with openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movement of flood waters; or
 - d. a building where the lower area is enclosed by means of breakaway walls meeting National Flood Insurance Program standards.
- <u>Existing Structures</u> structures commenced before the effective date of the FIRM or before January 1, 1975.
- <u>FEMA</u> the Federal Emergency Management Agency
- <u>Flood or Flooding</u> a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from the overflow of inland or tidal waters or the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

- <u>Flood Insurance Rate Map or (FIRM)</u> an official map of a community, on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA Administrator has delineated both the areas of special flood hazards and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.
- <u>Flood Insurance Study</u> the official report provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) an examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination, evaluation and determination of mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards.
- Floodplain Administrator the Director of Engineering or his/her designee
- <u>Floodplain Management</u> the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works and floodplain management regulations.
- <u>Floodplain Management Regulations</u> zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, and special purpose state or local regulations, and other applications of police powers which provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.
- <u>Flood Proofing</u> any combination of structural and non-structural additions, changes, or adjustments that reduce or eliminate flood damage to property.
- <u>Floodway (Regulatory)</u> the channel of a river or watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.
- <u>Highest Adjacent Grade</u> means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.
- <u>Historic Structure</u> means any structure that is:
 - a. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
 - b. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
 - **b** c.Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of Interior; or
 - e d.Individually listed on a local inventory or of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - i. By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or;
 - ii. Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.
- <u>Lowest Floor</u> the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking or of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor; provided, that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of 44 C.F.R. Sec. 60.3.
- <u>Mean Sea Level</u> the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929 or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map FIRM are referenced.
- <u>New Construction</u> structures commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later.

- <u>Recreational Vehicle</u> a vehicle which is
 - a. built on a single chassis;
 - b. 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections;
 - c. designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
 - d. not designed as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.
- <u>Substantial Damage</u> damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.
- <u>Substantial Improvement</u> reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure, but does not include:
 - a. improvements to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications; or
 - b. Any alteration of a "historic structure", provided the alteration does not preclude continued designation as a "historic structure".
- <u>Variance</u>. a grant of relief to a person from the requirement of this ordinance Article when specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.
- <u>Water Surface Elevation</u> means the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929 (or other datum, where specified), of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies.

Section 5.01.4. General Provisions.

- 1. The requirements of this section Article apply to all areas of special flood hazard within the City.
- 2. If any portion of a development of a drainage course, lies within 100 feet from the top of a high bank, or is identified as located within the 100-year floodplain on any Federal Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), a detailed study of the area is required. If the drainage area is 160 acres or greater, then the ultimate floodplain must be established. The Floodplain Administrator may require additional technical information prior to accepting the results of any study.
- 3. Floodplain areas will be platted and dedicated to the City, either separately or together with the adjacent property. The City may <u>any</u> decline <u>any</u> dedication of floodplain land, but may require the area to be maintained as private open space.
- 4. The areas of special flood hazard identified by FEMA in a-the current scientific and engineering report entitled, *The Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Collin County, Texas and Incorporated Areas*, dated January-June 2, 1996-2009, with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Boundary-Floodway Maps (FIRM and FBFM) and any revisions thereto are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Code.
- 5. The planning and design of structures adjacent to the base flood elevation should be based on ultimate development.
- 6. No structure or land shall hereafter be located, altered, or have its use changed without full compliance with the provisions of this section Article or without securing a Development Permit.
- 7. In the interpretation and application of this ordinance Article, all provisions shall be:
 - a. considered as minimum requirements;
 - b. liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
 - c. deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under State statutes.

Section 5.01.5. Administration.

1. The <u>City Engineer-Director of Engineering</u> is hereby appointed the Floodplain Administrator to administer and implement the provisions of this <u>Code</u> Article and other appropriate sections of 44 <u>CFR</u> Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations relating to the local administration and enforcement of the (National Flood Insurance Program Rregulations) pertaining relating to floodplain management.

2. The duties and responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Maintaining and makeing available for public inspection all records pertaining to the enforcement of this section Article.
- b. Reviewing all development permit applications to determine whether any proposed building site, including the placement of a manufactured home, will be reasonably safe from flooding.
- c. Reviewing, approveing or denying applications for development permits required herein.
- d. Reviewing permits for proposed development to assure that all necessary permits have been obtained from federal, state or local governmental agencies.
- e. Interpreting the exact location of the boundaries of the areas of special flood hazards.
- f. Notifying adjacent communities and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of any proposed alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submiting evidence of such notification to the FEMA.
- g. Requireing that the flood carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained.
- h. When base flood elevation data has not been provided, the Floodplain Administrator shall obtaining, reviewing and utilizeing data from any reasonable source to administer the provisions of this section Article.
- i. When a regulatory floodway has not been designated, the Floodplain Administrator must require that no prohibiting new construction, substantial improvements, or other development, including fill, shall be permitted within Zones Al-30 and AE the Special Flood Hazard Area shown on the City's FIRM, unless it is demonstrated that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community City.
- j. Approve Ensuring that the developer of any development which increases the water surface elevation of the base flood by more than one foot or encroaches into an established floodway, provided that the developer secures a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) from FEMA prior to commencement of construction.

Section 5.01.6. Permit Procedures; Appeals; Variances.

- 1. Application for a Development Permit required by this Article shall be presented to the Floodplain Administrator on forms furnished by the City and may include, but not be limited to, plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the location, dimensions, and elevation of proposed landscape alterations, existing and proposed structures, (including the placement of manufactured homes), and the location of the foregoing in relation to areas of special flood hazard. Additionally, the following information is required:
 - a. Elevation in relation to mean sea level of the lowest floor (including basement of all new and substantially improved structures;

- b. Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any non-residential structure shall be flood-proofed;
- c. Description of the extent to which any watercourse or natural drainage will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development.
- 2. Approval or denial of a Development Permit by the Floodplain Administrator shall be based on all of the provisions of this section Article and the following relevant factors:
 - a. The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;
 - b. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner;
 - c. The danger that potential for materials may to be swept onto other lands to the injury of others;
 - d. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development;
 - e. The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions including maintenance and repair of streets and bridges, and public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems;
 - f. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and sediment transport of the flood waters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site;
 - g. The necessity to of the facility of to have a waterfront location, where applicable;
 - h. The availability of alternative locations, not subject to flooding or erosion damage, for the proposed use;
 - i. The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan for that area, and the guidelines contained in the <u>Linear Greenbelt Study</u> (Oct.1986).
 - j. Compliance with the Allen Drainage Criteria Manual;
 - k. Reasonable protection of flora and fauna, as otherwise provided in this Code.
- 3. Appeals.
 - a. The Building & Standards Planning & Zoning Commission shall hear and render judgment on an appeal of the denial of a Development Permit required by this Article only when it is alleged there is an error in any requirement, decision, or determination made by the Floodplain Administrator in the enforcement or administration of this ordinance-Article.
 - b. Any person or persons aggrieved by the decision of the Building & Standards Planning & Zoning Commission may appeal such decision in the courts of competent jurisdiction.
 - c. The Floodplain Administrator shall maintain a record of all actions involving an appeal and shall report variances to the FEMA upon request.
- 4. Variances
 - a. The Planning & Zoning Commission shall have the authority to grant variances from the regulations set forth in this Article as follows:
 - d. i. Variances may be issued by the Building & Standards Commission for the reconstruction, rehabilitation or restoration of structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the State Inventory of Historic Places, without regard to the procedures set forth in the remainder of this Code.
 - e. ii. The Building & Standards Planning & Zoning Commission may attach such conditions to the granting of variances, as it deems necessary to further the purpose and objectives of this section Article.

- f. iii. Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result.
- g. iv. Variances may be issued for the repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon a determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.
- a.b. Prerequisites for In order to granting a variances to this Article the Planning & Zoning Commission must make the following findings with respect to the application:
 - i. Variances shall only be issued upon a determination that tThe requested variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief being sought.
 - ii. Variances shall only be issued upon,
 - (a)ii. The granting of the requested variance is for showing a good and sufficient cause;
 - (b)iii.a determination that The failure to grant the requested variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant, and
 - (c)iv.a determination that t The granting of a the requested variance will not result in increased flood elevation, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, nuisances, fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances.
- iii.c. Any application for which a variance is granted shall be given written notice that the structure will be permitted to be built with the lowest floor elevation below the base flood elevation, and that the cost of flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from the reduced lowest floor elevation.

Section 5.01.7. Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction.

1. General Standards.

All new construction and substantial improvement of structures and other improvements located Fin all areas of special flood hazards must comply with the following: provisions are required for all new construction and substantial improvements.

- a. Improvements will be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy;
- b. Improvements will be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage;
- c. Improvements will be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage;
- d. Improvements will be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities designed and/or located to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.
- e. All new and replacement water supply systems will be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system;
- f. New and replacement wastewater collection systems will be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system and discharge from the systems into flood waters; and,
- g. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment or contamination during flooding.

2. Specific Standards.

In all areas of special flood hazards where base flood elevation data has been provided, the following is required:

- a. <u>Residential Construction</u>. New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure shall have the lowest floor (including the basement) to twenty-four inches above the base flood elevation. A registered professional engineer, architect or surveyor shall certify to the base slab or lowest structural member.
- b. <u>Nonresidential Construction</u>. New construction and substantial improvements of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure shall either have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to eighteen inches above the base flood level or elevation together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, and be designed so that below the base flood level elevation the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy. A registered professional engineer or architect shall develop and/or review structural design, specifications, and plans for the construction, and shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice as outlined in this subsection. A record of such certification which includes the specific elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which such structures are flood-proofed shall be maintained by the Floodplain Administrator.
- c. <u>Enclosures</u>. New construction and substantial improvements, with fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement and which are subject to flooding shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of flood-waters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:
 - i. a minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;
 - ii. the bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade;
 - iii. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.
- 3. Floodways.

The following provisions apply to floodways:

- **1.**a. Encroachments are prohibited, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements and other development within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the City during the occurrence of the base flood discharge and FEMA has approved a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR).
- 2.b. Any construction or substantial improvements will comply with the flood hazard reduction provisions of this Section Article.
- 4. Penalties for Non-Compliance

No structure or land shall hereafter be construed, located, extended, converted, or altered without full compliance with the terms of this Article V and other applicable regulations. Violation of the provisions of this Article V by failure to comply with any of its requirements (including violations of conditions and safeguards established in connection with conditions) shall

constitute a misdemeanor. Any person who violates this court order or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed \$2000 for each violation, and in addition shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City of Allen from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.