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Attention: Ms. Stephanie Moreland
Manatee County Building and Development Services Department
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205

Reference: Riker Specific Approval Request

Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of our Client, Neal Communities of Southwest Florida, LLC, we respectfully request specific approval for the following Land Development Code waivers:

1. LDC Section 714.8.7. - Replacement Trees

The LDC requires replacement trees be sized at 3"/ 5"/ 7". However, County staff requests the Applicant replace trees at smaller sizes of 3"/ 4"/ 4". The Applicant concurs with staff's recommendation due to the fact that planting smaller trees will allow better performance for the new trees and will increase their survival rate. Therefore, the Applicant does seek the reduced sizes for replacement trees as requested by County staff.

2. LDC Section 715.3.4 – Canopy Trees

LDC Section 715.3.4 requires one (1) canopy tree every fifty (50) linear feet along rights-of-way in residential developments, to allow for one canopy tree per lot per frontage. As lot sizes have changed over time, this requirement has resulted in conflicts between trees and infrastructure. County staff recommends this request for Specific Approval, in order to avoid potential conflicts between trees and infrastructure on individual lots.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please contact our office with any questions you may have regarding these requests.

Regards,

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