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Re: Zone Code Text Change Our File No. 51893-71648

Dear Rob and Sarah:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed are three sample site plans for single story houses that demonstrate the rationale for our request to increase the City's lot coverage standard. Staff has expressed concern about the proliferation of very large houses, but these plans show the code also precludes modest sized single story homes. As previously discussed, because the majority of houses are two stories, the current code is written to reflect that. However, the single story house is making a comeback as the baby boomers seek one level living.

Each of the three site plans is for the Lake Hills subdivision, where Pahlisch Homes is interested in constructing a single story house but is prevented from doing so by the current lot coverage standard. Lots 37 and 39 feature modest homes just over 2000 square feet, and Lot 46 has an average size house over 3000 square feet. The plan for Lot 37 is a 2132 sf house with a garage, a modest covered front porch, and a 202 sf covered deck off the kitchen. This plan has 38% lot coverage, despite generous setbacks on all sides.

Lot 39 is unusually deep and features a large back yard. The site plan is a 2240 sf house with a garage, a modest covered front porch, and a medium size covered deck off the kitchen. This plan has 40% lot coverage.

The example for Lot 46 is a 3227 sf house with a spacious garage, a covered front porch with space for seating, a small covered porch off the master bedroom on the right side, and an average size covered deck off the kitchen. This plan has 41% lot coverage, despite exceeding setbacks on three sides.



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These plans reveal the unintended constraint on single story houses posed by the current lot coverage standard, and we again ask for your support in revising the standard to accommodate these housing types.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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