

September 02, 2020

Michael Morris, PE, CFM Engineering Department City of Jonesboro, Arkansas 300 South Church Street Jonesboro, AR 72401

RE: Request for Sidewalk Fee In-Lieu of Construction Risever Industries - CW Post Road Jonesboro, Arkansas A2H # 17509

Dear Mr. Morris,

Thank you for the recent correspondence and direction on how to proceed in this matter. On behalf of Risever Industries, A2H is requesting that Risever be allowed to pay a fee in lieu of construction for the required sidewalks across this property. A2H is requesting this exception based on the presence of a significant drainage ditch that runs along the property frontage prohibiting a reasonable location and accommodation for a public sidewalk.

As you are aware, the Risever Industries facility is located on the north side of CW Post Road, just west of Barnhill Road in the industrial park. Along this property, CW Post is a two lane road with narrow shoulders and roadside ditches. A relatively wide drainage ditch abuts the northern road shoulder along the western half of the Risever road frontage, prohibiting the construction of any public facility between the road and the drainage ditch. The City of Jonesboro allows for payment in-lieu of construction if "a stormwater drainage ditch or similar facility prevents the installation of the sidewalk, and neither the sidewalk nor the facility can be reasonably relocated to accommodate both the sidewalk and the facility. The only approach that would allow for this accommodation would be the relocation of the ditch further into the industrial property to the north. This would be a significant effort and expense and would take acres of industrial land away from future expansion.

A2H requests that the City of Jonesboro grant this request for payment in-lieu of construction for the required road frontage sidewalk due to the presence of the drainage ditch along the north side of CW Post Road that prohibits the reasonable accommodation for both the drainage facility and the sidewalk. Please let us know if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A2H, PLLC

Steve Brigance, PE Senior Civil Engineer

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