

January 5, 2007

Mike Amyx, Mayor
City of Lawrence Commission
P.O. Box 708
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Re: Final Plat Variance Request - 6th & Walnut Addition

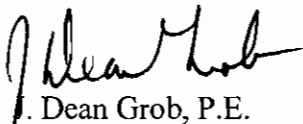
Dear Mayor Amyx,

On behalf of Mr. Matthew F. Gilhousen, I am requesting a Variance from Ordinance No. 7743 as Chapter 19, Section 214 of the City of Lawrence Code. This request is being made to allow for direct connection of sanitary sewer services to an existing City of Lawrence gravity main within the right-of-way of Walnut Street but greater than 15 feet from the property lines for Lots 2, and 3, Block 1, 6th & Walnut Addition which is a subdivision plat of Block 17, North Lawrence Addition .

This request is being made after discussions with the Utilities Department concerning direct connection to the main or public improvements with increased gravity lines and manholes for the Utilities Department to maintain. The project is an infill development and presently all other services along the 500 and 600 block of Walnut connect directly to the sanitary sewer main within the street right-of-way. Mr. Gilhousen feels at this juncture, public improvements in lieu of direct connection would impart an undue hardship on his project and eventual residents with no ultimate benefit to the City. Mr. Gilhousen would make every effort to coordinate the installation of the proposed services so that they may be constructed concurrently at the adjoining property line and thus providing for only one street cut.

We appreciate the commission's consideration in this matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you are in need of assistance or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (785) 856-1900.

Very truly yours,



J. Dean Grob, P.E.
Grob Engineering Services, LLC

cc: Matthew F. Gilhousen
Joseph Rexwinkle – Planning
Phil Ciesielski – Utilities Department