

July 5, 2018

Honorable Mayor Craig Morgan City of Round Rock 301 W. Bagdad Avenue, Suite 140 Round Rock, Texas 78664

RE:

Request to removed Monarch Tree Designation

The Reserve at Wyoming Springs

PP1806-002

Dear Mayor Morgan:

This letter is written as our formal request to City Council to remove the "Monarch Tree" designation from two of the trees within the boundary of the above reference subdivision.

The Reserve at Wyoming Springs is a proposed 37.58 acre SF-3 development bound by Park Valley Drive, Wyoming Springs Drive, Smyers Lane to the east and south, and existing sections of the Fern Bluff and Brushy Creek neighborhoods to the north and west. The heavily-wooded tract has a number of constraints affecting the layout including several sensitive karst features with associated buffers, a natural drainage way which bisects the site, the current alignment of Liberty Walk Drive to the west, as well as nine (9) trees with the "Monarch" designation.

The applicant has made an effort to minimize impacts to the existing topography and trees (both with and without the "Monarch" designation). However, with the current subdivision layout, four of the nine Monarch trees will be located either within the proposed ROW or on residential lots. Of these four, the applicant is requesting the removal of the Monarch designation from two trees.

The first tree (#403 – a 29" multi-trunk Post Oak) is in the center of a proposed ROW area and cannot reasonably be saved without shifting the roadway alignment by approximately 50°. A change of roadway alignment of this magnitude will also require the removal of a large number of other trees currently shown to be saved.

A second Monarch tree (#456 – a 39" multi-trunk Live Oak) is within the front yard area of Lot 47, Block 'C'. We feel that it will be possible to construct a standard residential driveway on this lot without having to physically remove this tree although the driveway will be within the tree's CRZ. The applicant intends to save this tree as it adds significant value to Lot 47, however, since encroachment by the driveway will be greater than 10% of the CRZ, this would constitute "removal" by the City of Round Rock and requires prior consent from City Council.

If you have any questions regarding this project, or if you require any additional information to assist you in the consideration of this request, please contact me at (512) 327-2946.

Sincerely,

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