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Charles "Buck" Hudson, Commissioner Pct. 4 Tyler County Courthouse 100 West Bluff St. Woodville, Texas 75979

RE: Joslin Development Group, LLC – Clarification regarding Chapter 3 – Minimum Standards for Roads and Streets of the Subdivision Regulations approved and accepted by Tyler County Commissioners Court on July 20, 2021

To Commissioner Charles "Buck" Hudson:

I represent Joslin Development Group, LLC ("Joslin"), which purchased approximately 387.165 acres out of the Jose Falcon Survey, Abstract No. 15 in Tyler County, as shown on the attached survey plat. County Road 4300 runs through Joslin's property. Joslin intends to develop this tract into approximately 20 rural homesite tracts, each being approximately 20 acres but ranging from approximately 14 acres to approximately 25 acres. The single exception will be a tract that is approximately 5 acres, which will have direct access to County Road 4300. An approximate depiction of the divided property, along with a proposed roadway, is attached.

Joslin's planned subdivision of this property falls under the Subdivision Regulations approved and accepted by Tyler County Commissioners Court on July 20, 2021 (the "Subdivision Regulations") because Joslin is dividing the tract into two or more parts to lay out a subdivision of the tract as well as a street. See Subdivision Regulations at Section 1.1. None of the exemptions under the Subdivision Regulations at Section 1.3 apply. Accordingly, Joslin is mandated to comply with the Minimum Standards for Roads and Streets as set forth in Chapter 3 of the Subdivision Regulations.

In building the proposed roadway, Joslin will gladly comply with the Minimum Standards for Roads and Streets as set forth in Chapter 3 of the Subdivision Regulations, subject to certain clarification. Based on Section 3.5 of the Subdivision Regulations, "[a]ll roads and streets must be constructed with a stabilized subgrade [and]...have a flexible base." Accordingly, Joslin intends to build the proposed roadway to comport with the standards set forth in Section 3.5. Joslin, however, seeks clarification regarding the applicability of Section 3.6 entitled "Surface materials." The "Surface materials" of Section 3.6 require certain construction standards to apply when building three types of roads: (1) paved roads, (2) asphalt roads, and (3) concrete roads. In reviewing the entirety of the Subdivision Regulations, we have not found an affirmative statement that requires roads and streets to be finished off with any of these three surface materials set forth in Section 3.6. So Joslin's interpretation is that Section 3.6 applies *only* when building a paved road, asphalt road, or concrete road—and Section 3.6 does not apply to other roads merely composed of the stabilized subgrade and flexible base. This interpretation seems consistent with the County Commissioners current practices regarding roads built and maintained by the County given that many such roads are not finished with any of these three surface materials set forth in Section 3.6. Before presuming upon this interpretation, however, Joslin seeks clarification from the Commissioners Court as to whether compliance with Section 3.6 is considered mandatory for all roads and streets or

whether compliance with Section 3.6 is only mandatory when a road or street is paved roadway, asphalt roadway, or concrete roadway.

I will attend the Commissioners Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 to explain this request to the Commissioners Court at large and hopefully receive an answer back from the Court. And as such, I would ask that you add this topic to the agenda for the meeting. Thank you so much.

Regards,

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