

GULF MANOR PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.
7 Gulf Manor Drive
Venice, Florida 34285

May 18, 2023

James Clinch
Assistant City Manager
Venice City Hall
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, Florida 34285

Dear Mr. Clinch,

The majority of residents of Gulf Manor Drive North and Gulf Manor Drive South have concerns about the new construction in our neighborhood. We feel that the houses have been allowed to be constructed too close to our private road. In doing some research, it appears that the setback laws governing our road have changed, unbeknownst to all of us. Our road is narrow as it is and our members have to work around vehicles that are needed to service our residents on a daily basis. It is a fact of life that vehicles have to occasionally drive up on the grass to pass one another, causing many to repair sprinkler heads often. Allowing new construction 20 feet from the center of the road causes further encroachment and congestion.

We, as the property owners of Gulf Manor, would respectfully ask the City of Venice to revisit this setback law governing private streets in Venice. We believe that returning to the previously established precedent of measuring the 20-foot setback from the edge of the road is more in character with the neighborhood. While we understand that it would somewhat restrict new construction, it will make for a cleaner and safer neighborhood for all of us.

Sincerely,



Debbie Staudt
President
Gulf Manor Property Owners Association