



August 18, 2022

Mr. Franklin Wright
521 Harbor Drive South
Venice, FL 34285

Re: Land Development Regulations Petition

Dear Mr. Wright:

An initiating petition seeking reconsideration of the City's newly adopted Land Development Regulations (LDR) was filed on August 1, 2022. This initiative may lead to a protracted process impacting the implementation of any and all elements of the new LDRs. Citizen involvement throughout the process of public review has been substantial. Public comments have tended to focus on several specific sections of the new code, including but not limited to: building height limits and the merger of two City Council advisory boards.

From the interaction of citizens throughout the development, review, and adoption of the new LDRs, presumably, there are sections of the new code that are not in dispute. However, as drafted it appears that the initiative to halt the implementation of the new code is inclusive and would affect the code in its entirety.

Among the comments made during the public review process was to emphasize that the new land development regulations constitute a living document, subject to updating and change over time. However, the expressed objections to some aspects of the new code called for a more timely solution. The purpose of this correspondence is to offer for me and the City Attorney to meet with you and the other signatories on the petition initiative. The purpose of the meeting would be to specifically define the objectionable elements of the LDRs and determine if we might resolve some or all of the issues. I am hopeful that you will see a potential public benefit in working to resolve the issues of disagreement.

I look forward to your reply.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Lavalley".

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