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**HAND DELIVERED**

Robert F. Phillips  
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Re: 133 Meadow Ridge Drive

Dear Rob:

Please consider this letter as an appeal to the Board of Public Works of the Decision of the City of Madison to redesignate the home of Carl and Deb Ruedebusch from 133 Meadow Ridge Drive to 3926 Brown Lane. This determination was initially made on February 10, 2009. Since that time, Mr. Ruedebusch has attempted through informal channels to have the City of Madison reconsider its decision. We have been advised by your office to take the appeal to the Board of Public Works which will then make a determination as to the appropriateness, or not, of the City's action.

In support of retaining the address of 133 Meadow Ridge Drive, we submit the following facts:

1. The building permit for Mr. Ruedebusch's home was issued to 133 Meadow Ridge Drive. This was after the City of Madison had reviewed the building plans showing the entrances as they were built.
2. From 2000 until 2010, the City of Madison recognized 133 Meadow Ridge Drive as the official residence of the Ruedebuschs on its assessor's website. The Ruedebuschs' property tax bills are also sent to 133 Meadow Ridge Drive.
3. Changing the street address so that the front door is on Brown Lane as opposed to Meadow Ridge Drive would render the Ruedebuschs' property nonconforming to the zoning code and seriously devalue that property. The front yard setbacks would be inadequate under the City's redesignation.
4. In reliance on of the City's prior actions, Mr. Ruedebusch has established his home office with the address at 133 Meadow Ridge Drive. The number "133" is carved in stone by the entrance.

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5. There have been absolutely no problems with maintaining 133 Meadow Ridge Drive as the proper mailing address for the Ruedebuschs' residence. There have been no problems with delivery of mail, emergency or official services and the Ruedebuschs have conformed fully to the City of Madison ordinances.

6. The City made this determination unilaterally without consultation with the Ruedebuschs.

7. Meadow Ridge Drive is a major arterial street and Brown Lane is a side street. The redesignation will cause more, and not less, confusion to third parties.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully request that the Board of Public Works affirm that 133 Meadow Ridge Drive is the appropriate mailing address for the Ruedebusch family residence. We look forward to meeting with you on April 21, 2010. Please let me know if you have any questions prior to that time.

Sincerely,

  
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