Purpose:

• The Weston Estates Homeowner's Association is appealing to the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance which would allow the purchase and installment of a residential identification sign located in the right-of-way at 43468 McLean Ct. (approximately 8 feet in from the end of the stub road and 3.5 feet off the street into the right-of-way).

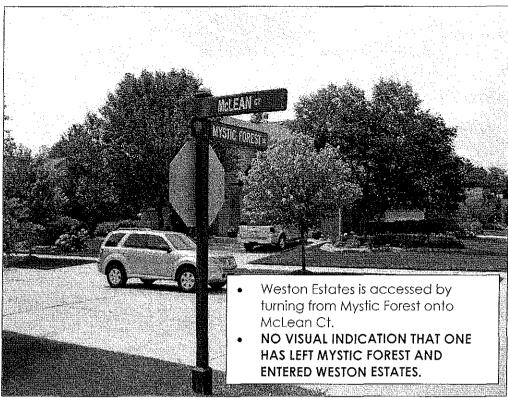
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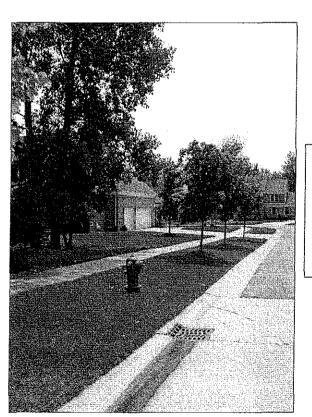
- Mozart Homes established their first Novi subdivision in 2002 with the construction of Weston Estates, a 12 home cul-de-sac development.
- Weston Estates is located just south of Mystic Forest subdivision, off Novi Road between 9 & 10 Mile Roads.
- To get to Weston Estates, one must enter through the Mystic Forest subdivision.
- Aside from the newer appearance of the Weston Estates homes, there is no visual indication that one has entered Weston Estates from Mystic Forest.
- On average, Mystic Forest homes are smaller, older (approximately 8-10 years), and less expensive than those in Weston Estates.
- Since the construction of Weston Estates, Mozart has established (2) more subdivisions in Novi (Brookhaven, Taft Knolls) which both have residential identification signs.

Case for hardship:

- Residents previously met with Mayor Landry who advised them that they did have a case for hardship and should proceed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Weston Estates is a cul-de-sac development with no common element located near the entrance to the subdivision onto which a typical subdivision entrance / ground sign might be erected. Other cul-de-sac developments located in Novi have a common element onto which an entrance sign has been erected.
- Weston Estates proposes erecting a residential identification sign mounted to a pole in the right-of-way, similar to a street / stop sign. Erecting a sign mounted to a pole will allow passers-by to more easily locate Weston Estates (as opposed to a ground mounted sign which is likely to be hidden from view).
- The Weston Estates Homeowner's Association believes that erecting a breakaway pole with a residential identification sign will maintain a classic, traditional look. Additionally, an identification sign will allow residents to establish a sense of community, individuality and separation from Mystic Forest (i.e. increase property values).
- Design and appearance of the residential identification sign is consistent with mailboxes installed in 2006.
- Weston Estates is willing to work with the City of Novi to meet desired appearance standards.





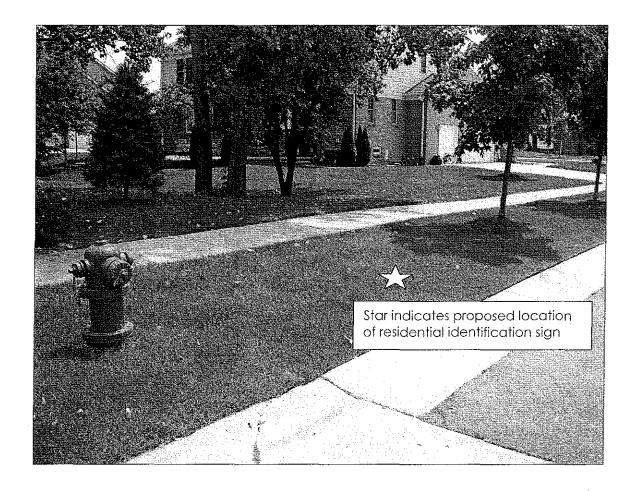


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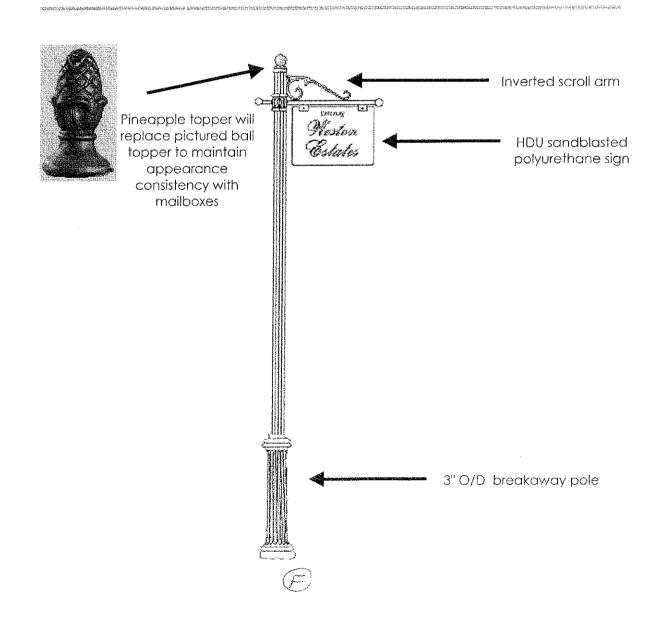
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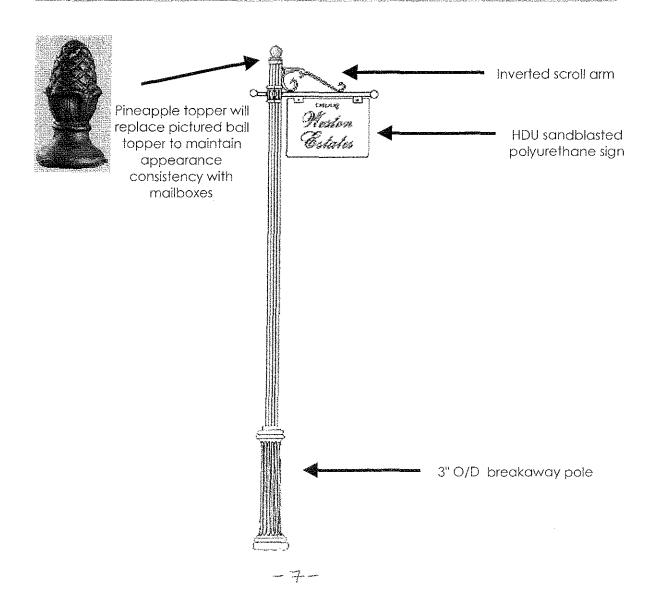
- Pole specifications:
 - o Size: 10' tall with 3" O/D breakaway pole
 - o Includes single inverted scroll-mounting arm (to hold identification sign)
 - o Includes "pineapple" ball topper (matches existing mailboxes)
 - o Maintenance free, powder coated aluminum finish in bronze (matches existing mailboxes)
- Sign specifications:
 - o Size: 14" x 20"
 - o HDU sandblasted polyurethane
 - o Double-sided and will include lettering, borders, etc.
 - o Sign background to be green with gold lettering
- The proposed sign is a Special Lite product and part of the Classic Pole Series.
 Additional Special Lite product details can be found at: http://abcmailbox.com/classicpoleseries.html



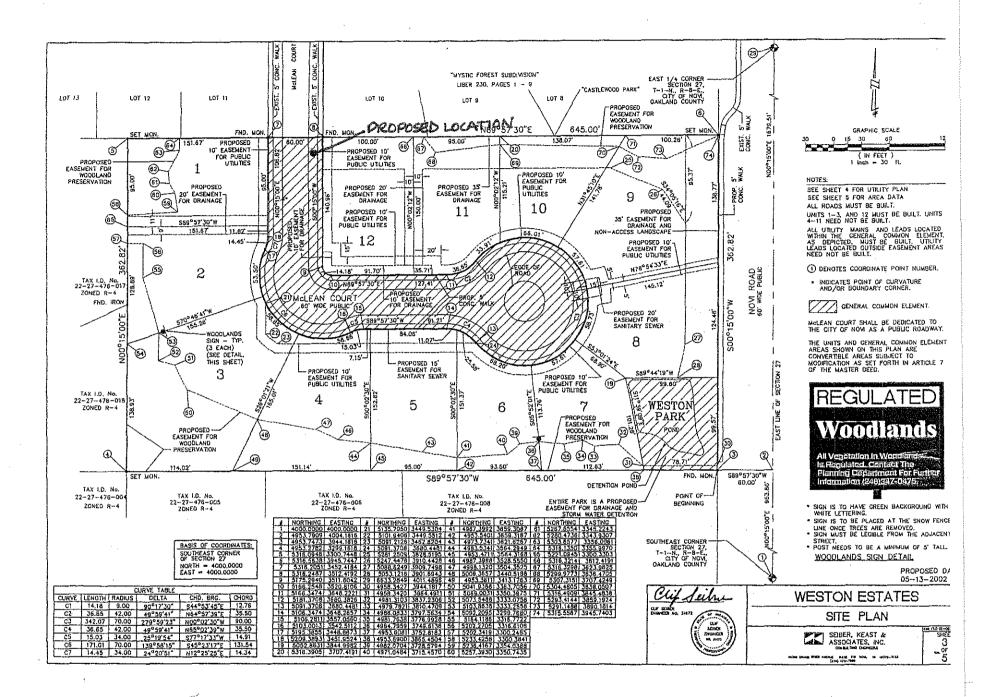


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