

February 3, 2021

City of Georgetown

UDC Advisory Committee & Planning Staff

Re: Tree Mitigation Credit – For Residential Single-Family Lots

Dear UDC Advisory Committee,

The purpose of this letter is to request that the UDC Advisory Committee and City Planning Staff entertain and investigate the request from the development community to modify the City of Georgetown Unified Development Code (UDC) – Chapter 8 – Section 8.02 to allow for tree mitigation credits to apply towards trees planted on residential single family lots within the subdivision that is being developed. Many neighboring jurisdictions allow for onsite tree credits to be satisfied by trees planted on single family lots. Our developments require that 2-3" trees and 4- 3" trees are planted on every standard and corner single family lot, respectively. These tree planting requirements are part of our recorded restrictive covenants that run with the land and are enforced by the homeowners association. This code amendment would encourage more trees to be planted within the subdivision. Please accept this letter as a formal request for this item to be heard and reviewed by the UDC Advisory Committee and Planning Staff.

We appreciate your willingness and time on this matter.

Sincerely,



Blake J. Magee, President

OWEN HOLDINGS, INC.

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Dear UDC Advisory Committee,

Thank you for the time and effort put in by staff and the UDC Advisory Committee on the changes to Chapter 8 of the UDC.

As a developer in Georgetown we continually struggle with Tree Preservation Standards. Generally speak we love trees, and we try to keep as many mature trees on site as possible. The Code isn't always easy to navigate and the effect on each development is often very different. For instance a development on a parcel with no existing trees is much easier to develop and plant mitigation trees than a mature, beautifully wooded site. We continually work to save trees whenever and wherever possible because we believe that they add to a project. However, this becomes strained on a site with decent tree coverage and you start placing trees on site just to fulfill the requirement. I can save trees and have 3 times the required caliper inches yet we are still expected to mitigate trees removed in the development process; this creates inequity between projects.

I join others in asking for consideration that the UDC Advisory Committee and City Planning Staff entertain and investigate the request from the development community to modify the City of Georgetown Unified Development Code (UDC) – Chapter 8 – Section 8.02 to allow for tree mitigation credits to apply towards trees planted on residential single family lots within the subdivision that is being developed; this is a potential solution to the inequity involved between treed properties and properties without trees. Many neighboring jurisdictions allow for onsite tree credits to be satisfied by trees planted on single family lots. This code amendment would encourage more trees to be planted strategically within the subdivision vs. just adding to already landscaped areas. Please accept this letter as a formal request for this item to be heard and reviewed by the UDC Advisory Committee and Planning Staff.

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Sincerely,
OWEN HOLDINGS, INC.



Joe Owen

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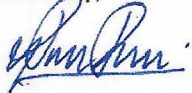
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I believe this amendment to the UDC shall still achieve the intent of best practices in development. Obviously, if not trees are planted on the single family lots, there would be no credit but this will encourage the development community to plant more trees in the sub-divisions. Please accept this letter as a formal request for this item to be heard and reviewed by the UDC Advisory Committee and Planning Staff.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at rpuri@athenadomain.com or at my office at 210-698-3004.

Sincerely,

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Rajeev Puri

Athena Domain, Inc.



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Stephen Ashlock

Vice President of Land Development



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Ryan Mattox
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Chris Little
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