

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM
(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date:	July 18, 2025	Court Decision: This section to be completed by County Judge's Office	
	Pate: July 28, 2025	Johnson Count	
	By: Julie Edmiston	13/	
Department: Public Works		((*(APPROVED)*))	
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Signature	of Elected Official/Department Head:		
-		7-28-25	
Description	yn:		
-	er Multiple Variance Requests for I	Proposed Subdivision The Retreat,	
Phase 3	30, located in Precinct 1.		
	(May attach additional	sheets if necessary)	
Person to	Present: Jennifer VanderLaan		
(	Presenter must be present for the item un	less the item is on the Consent Agenda)	
Supportin	ng Documentation: (check one)	PUBLIC   CONFIDENTIAL	
(P	PUBLIC documentation may be made ava	ailable to the public prior to the Meeting)	
Estimated	Length of Presentation: 10 minu	utes	
Session R	equested: (check one)		
	Action Item   Consent   Worksho	op   Executive   Other	
Check All	Departments That Have Been Notifie	d:	
	☐ County Attorney ☐ IT	☐ Purchasing ☐ Auditor	
	☐ Personnel	orks     Facilities Management	
Other Dep	artment/Official (list)		

Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents In Your Submission Email



## **Johnson County Public Works Department**

Jennifer VanderLaan / Director of Public Works

2 North Mill Street, Suite 305 Cleburne, Texas 76033 817-556-6380

### **VARIANCE REQUEST**

Johnson County Subdivision Rules and Regulations outline what is required under the adopted Rules and Regulations. To request a variance for a deviation or exception to those Rules and Regulations for a lot or tract (ex: road frontage, etc.) please provide the following information.

Variance fee is \$120 per request. This request will be presented to the Commissioner's Court for their decision.

Name	Double Diamond, Inc.	Da	Date <u>06-25-2025</u>			
Phone	Number_214-706-7857					
Email Address rgracy@ddresorts.com						
Property Information for Variance Request:						
Prope	rty 911 address 7725 F.M. 1434, Cleburne, Tx. 76033					
Subdiv	vision name_The Retreat, Phase 30	Block Multiple	Lot Multiple			
Survey	T. Sparks, SP RR Co, and T. Toby Abstract 820,	814, and 847	Acreage_16.889			
Reque	St Reduced pavement width, maximum gradient, utillity easements/location, H	DPE pipe, conveyance prior to electric	install. See attachment for more detail.			
Reason for request_To maintain consistency and conformity to the "master plan" throughout the development. See						
accom	panying letter from the Engineer/Surveyor (Jessie J. Ince, P.	E., R.P.L.S.) for specific items	s requested and justification.			
Provide	e the following with this request:					
	Copy of plat (if property has been platted)					
	Copy of property deed					
	Survey or drawing showing existing structures					

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184 Thousand Oaks Drive Whitney, Texas 76692 254-694-7708 jessie01@windstream.net Firm #10068000

# Ince Surveying & Engineering

July 1, 2025

Mary Bullock Johnson County Public Works 2 N Mill St. Suite 305 Cleburne. Tx 76033

RE: The Retreat Phase 29 Variance requests

Dear Ms. Bullock, Each of the items for which we need to request a variance are listed below with justification:

#### VARIANCE #1 - Minimum Pavement width of 22'

The Retreat is a resort community on over 3,000 acres, with over 2,800 lots having been platted over the last 25 years and several miles of roads which have been maintained by the Resort. The standard roadway section has been a 20' roadway which we have been showing on your construction plans since Phase 9. Typically, within the resort, the road subgrades are taken down to rock. When the subgrades are on expansive materials, we provide lime stabilization, which typically exceeds the Johnson County Requirement. With the very low occupancy (approximately 150 existing homes) the narrower width has not resulted in any known traffic related problems, and the trade-off between the reduced width verses the extra strength as Grayson County has approved, has served our maintenance responsibilities well in both the Retreat and the Rock Creek Resort in Grayson County. We are requesting a variance reducing the pavement width to 20'.

#### VARIANCE #2 - Maximum Roadway Gradient of 10%

The majority of the roadways in the Retreat are local streets whose primary function is to provide access to the adjacent residential lots. The rolling hills, bluffs and valleys of the Retreat make for a beautiful landscape and vistas, but give us challenges in meeting slope requirements. We have three locations where the 10% rule does not appear to add value to our project.

Along Hampton Point Lane from station 7+00 to 10+75, and along Westlake Road from station 3+00 to station 7+25 the natural grade exceeds 10%. To comply this with the 10% maximum gradient, you would have several lots where the buildable area for the homes will be more than 10' above or below the local street. Not only the costs to achieve the 10% gradient but the adjacent homeowner would be required to have steep and expensive driveways to access their homes. The variance appears to be the best method of overcoming the conflict between the steep slopes and affordable access to the lots and the proposed design has a maximum grade of 15% within the affected areas. Although we show a vertical curve tangent of 13% for computation purposes, the centerline tangent extends beyond the limits of the intersection return and the computed grades along Pine Valley Drive are less than 10%.

Portions of The Retreat Boulevard have steeper slopes than we are proposing here and have been privately maintained and provided valuable access to the development for at least 20 years. We would hope that this proven track record will encourage the Commission's support of our request for variance in these two locations.

#### **VARIANCE #3 - Utility Easements**

The utility plan and layout for The Retreat is consistent across all Phases and has proven to be adequate, efficient, and to enhance the master plan for the development. We are requesting variances to:

- (a) reduce the utility and drainage easements along the front and rear of all lots from 15 feet to 10 feet.
- (b) place the water lines within the right of way.
- (c) not place the sewer lines under the middle of streets.

### VARIANCE #4 - Use of HDPE Pipe for Storm Sewer culverts

The Retreat has been using HDPE pipe on most of their projects since 2015. Based on manufacturer's information the HDPE pipe, when properly bedded, will support more load, seals better and is more resistant to corrosion than the Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) specified in the Subdivision Ordinance. Double Diamond has found the HDPE pipes to be easier to handle, install and joint than CMP. Since they are responsible for the maintenance, they would prefer to continue the use of this material. We hope the Commission will consider the HDPE to be a support product and allow the continued use of this material for roadway culverts on this project.

### VARIANCE #5 - Conveyance of Lots prior to electric service installation

It is customary for rural electric companies to expand their lines as necessary to accommodate the infrastructure as building plans develop. Many areas will not see any construction for a considerable amount of time.

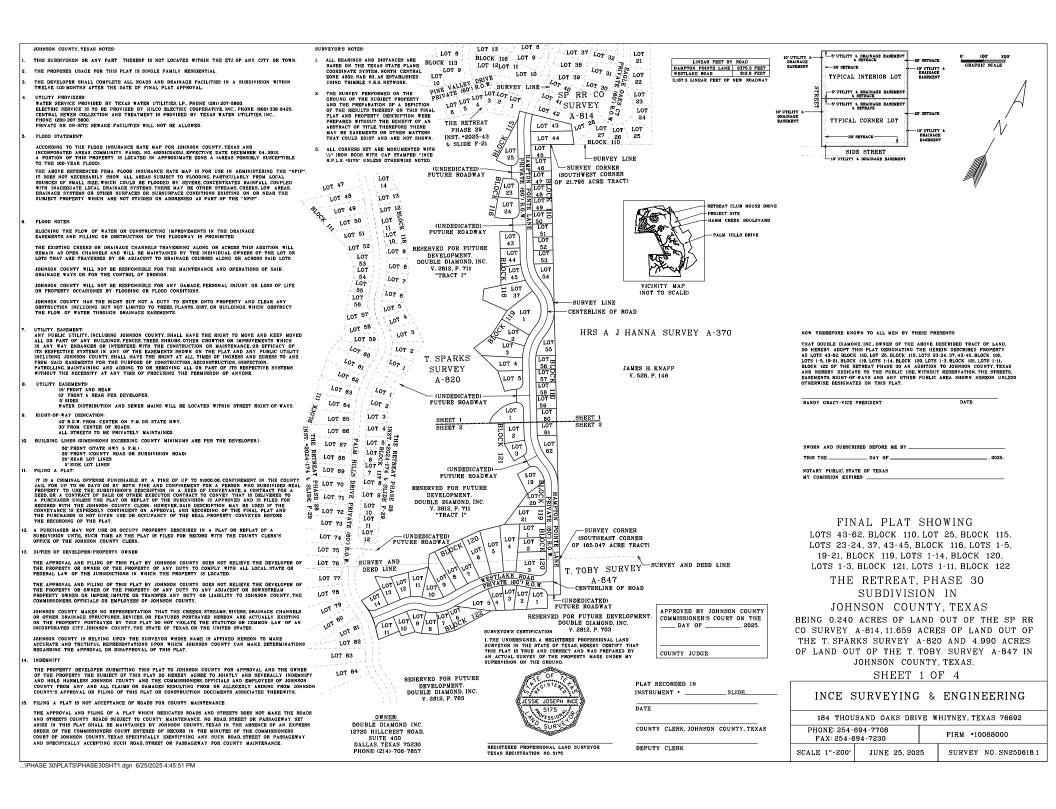
Phase 1 of The Retreat was approved by the Commissioners of Johnson County on May 14, 2002, and has been under development with a consistent "Master Plan" since that time. The design and layout of this Phase is consistent with that of the previous 28 Phases.

Please feel free to gall with any questions.

Singerely,

Jessie Jeseph Ince, P.E., R.P.L.S.

office: 254-694-7708 Cell: 254-602-2418



#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Field notes for the survey of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land being 0.240 acres out of the SP RR CO Survey A-814, 11.659 acres out of the Thomas Sparks Survey A-820, and 4.990 acres out of the Thomas Toby Survey A-847 in Johnson County, Texas, Said land is a part of that certain 165,047 acre "Tract I" and a part of that certain 21,795 acre "Tract II" described in a deed from Thomas Hazelwood, Trustee to Double Diamond Inc. recoded in Volume 2812, Page 711 and a part of that certain 475,234 acre tract described in a deed from Wells Fargo Bank Texas, N.A. to Double Diamond, Inc. recorded in Volume 2812, Page 703 of the Official Public Records of Johnson County, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found at a fence corner in the east line of said Sparks Survey and in the east line of said 165.047 acre tract for the northwest corner of the HRS A J Hanna Survey A-370, for the southwest corner of said SP RR CO Survey, for the northwest corner of that certain tract described in a deed to James H. Knapp recorded in Volume 528, Page 146 of the Deed Records of Johnson County, for the southwest corner of said 21.795 acre tract and for an inside ell corner of this:

THENCE \$30°00°05°E, at 1883.25 feet passing a 1/2" iron rod set in the north line of said Toby Survey and in the north line of said 475.234 acre tract for the southwest corner of said Hanna Survey, for the southeast corner of said Sparks Survey, for the southwest corner of said Knapp tract, and for the southeast corner of said 165.047 acre tract, in all a distance of 2047.11 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the southeast corner of this;

THENCE S59°59'55"W 60.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for an inside ell corner of this;

THENCE \$30000'05"F 60 00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for an outside ell corner of this:

THENCE the following courses and distances to 1/2" iron rods set:

S58°37'29"W 257.37 feet, S32°29'01"W 184.68 feet,

S47°55'39"W 78.16 feet

S64°24'19"W 78.16 feet, S75046'40"W 29 82 feet

\$38°41'26"W 101 99 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set in the east line of Palm Hills Drive for the southwest corner of this:

THENCE with the east line of Palm Hills Drive and along a curve to the left having a radius of 220.25 feet, N40°54'00"W for a chord distance of 12.07 feet, an arc distance of 12.07 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod set for the end of

THENCE continuing with the east line of Palm Hills Drive, N42º42'55"W 58.79 feet to a point for the beginning of a curve to the left;

THENCE continuing with the east line of Palm Hills Drive and along said curve having a radius of 230.00 feet, N56°10'59"W for a chord distance of 98.35 feet, an arc distance of 99.11 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod set for the end of said curve and for the beginning of a curve to the right:

THENCE continuing with the east line of Palm Hills Drive and along said curve having a radius of 195.38 feet, N64°36'57"W for a chord distance of 26.48 feet, an arc distance of 26.50 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for an outside

THENCE the following courses and distances to 1/2" iron rods set:

N29º17'00"F 102 22 feet

N65°53'28"E 60.00 feet

N46°47'34"F 190 30 feet

N36º16'34"E 251.62 feet N47º01'12"F 116 34 feet

N55°07'32"W 99.73 feet.

N31°50'03"E 64.11 feet, N57°43'28"W 60.00 feet,

S31°50'03"W 49.05 feet

N58<sup>o</sup>10'17"W 89.99 feet N29<sup>o</sup>59'59"W 94.50 feet

S59°59'55"W 66.48 feet

THENCE along a curve to the right having a radius of 138,23 feet. N09°11'24"W for a chord distance of 7,26 feet, an arc distance of 7,26 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod set for the end of said curve and for the beginning of another curve to the right;

THENCE along said curve having a radius of 90.00 feet, N04<sup>o</sup>37'15"E for a chord distance of 43.94 feet, an arc distance of 44.39 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod set for the end of said curve:

THENCE N18°46'33"E 24.45 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 130.00 feet;

THENCE along said curve, N37°53'44"E for a chord distance of 85.25 feet, an arc distance of 86.85 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the end of said curve;

THENCE N27°51'20"W 60.16 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the beginning of a curve to the left;

THENCE along said curve having a radius of 190.00 feet, S50°27'10"W for a chord distance of 54.25 feet, an arc distance of 54.43 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod set;

THENCE the following courses and distances to 1/2" iron rods set:

N47°45'42"W 98.33 feet, N74°36'34"W 150.76 feet,

N24033'08"E 98.43 feet. N04014'18"F 132 06 feet

S85°07'27"W 121.65 feet

N22046'13"W 49.19 feet.

N49º18'59"F 79 49 feet and

THENCE along a curve to the left having a radius of 180.00 feet. N64<sup>o</sup>13'58"E for a chord distance of 26.66 feet, an arc distance of 26.69 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod set for the end of said curve:

THENCE N59°59'55"E 33.42 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set;

THENCE N30°00'05"W 60.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set:

THENCE S59059'55"W 33.42 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 120.00 feet.

THENCE along said curve, S65°33'07"W for a chord distance of 23.24 feet, an arc distance of 23.28 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod set for the end of said curve;

THENCE S71°06'40"W 26.75 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set:

THENCE N18°53'29"W 93.27 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set:

THENCE N13°13'32"W 90.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the beginning of a curve to the left having a radius of 120.00 feet;

THENCE along said curve, S68°22'30"W for a chord distance of 35.00 feet, an arc distance of 35.13 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod set for the end of said curve;

THENCE N59°59'55"E 4.22 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set:

THENCE N30°00'05"W 60.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set;

THENCE S59°59'55"W 4.22 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 60.00 feet:

THENCE along said curve. S74°25'03"W for a chord distance of 29.89 feet, an arc distance of 30.20 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod set for the end of said curve:

THENCE S88°50'35"W 40.61 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set;

THENCE N01º29'37"W 218.53 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap stamped "INCE RPLS #5175" found for the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 115 of The Retreat Phase 29 according to plat recorded in Slide F-21 of the Official

THENCE along a curve to the right having a radius of 330.00 feet, N16°55'36"W for a chord distance of 29.14 feet, an arc distance of 29.15 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap stamped "INCE RPLS #5175" found for the

THENCE N75°35'27"E 242.46 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap stamped "INCE RPLS #5175" found for the southeast corner of Lot 42, Block 110 of said Phase 29 and for the northeast corner of this;

THENCE S36º16'06"E 92.79 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap stamped "INCE RPLS #5175" found in the south line of said 21.795 acre tract and in the north line of said Knapp tract for the southwest corner of Lot 28, Block 110 of said Phase 29 and for an outside ell corner of this

THENCE S61°14'01"W 105.84 feet to the place of beginning, containing 16.889 acres of land

#### SURVEYOR'S NOTES:

- ALL BEARINGS AND DISTANCES ARE BASED ON THE TEXAS STATE PLANE. COORDINATE SYSTEM, NORTH CENTRAL USING TRIMBLE V.R.S. NETWORK.
- 2 THE SURVEY PERFORMED ON THE THE SURVEY PERFORMED ON THE GROUND OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND THE PREPARATION OF A DEPICTION OF THE RESULTS THEREOF ON THIS FINAL PLAT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION WERE PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF AM ABSTRACT OF TITLE, THEREFORE THERE MAY BE ABSENSTS OR OTHER MATTERS THAT COULD EXIST AND ARE NOT SHOWN.
- ALL CORNERS SET ARE MONUMENTED WITH /2" IRON RODS WITH CAP STAMPED "INCE R.P.L.S. \*5175" UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

#### SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION

I. THE UNDERSIGNED, A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND WAS PREPARED BY AN ACTUAL SURVEY OF THE PROPERTY MADE UNDER MY SUPERVISION ON THE GROUND.



REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

APPROVED BY JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT ON THE DAY OF COUNTY JUDGE

PLAT RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT . SLIDE DATE

COUNTY CLERK JOHNSON COUNTY TEXAS

DEPUTY CLERK

OWNER: DOUBLE DIAMOND INC. 12720 HILLCREST ROAD, SUITE 400 DALLAS, TEXAS 75230

FINAL PLAT SHOWING LOTS 43-62, BLOCK 110, LOT 25, BLOCK 115,

LOTS 23-24, 37, 43-45, BLOCK 116, LOTS 1-5, 19-21. BLOCK 119. LOTS 1-14. BLOCK 120. LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 121, LOTS 1-11, BLOCK 122

> THE RETREAT, PHASE 30 SUBDIVISION IN

JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BEING 0.240 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE SP RR CO SURVEY A-814, 11.659 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE T. SPARKS SURVEY A-820 AND 4.990 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE T. TOBY SURVEY A-847 IN JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS.

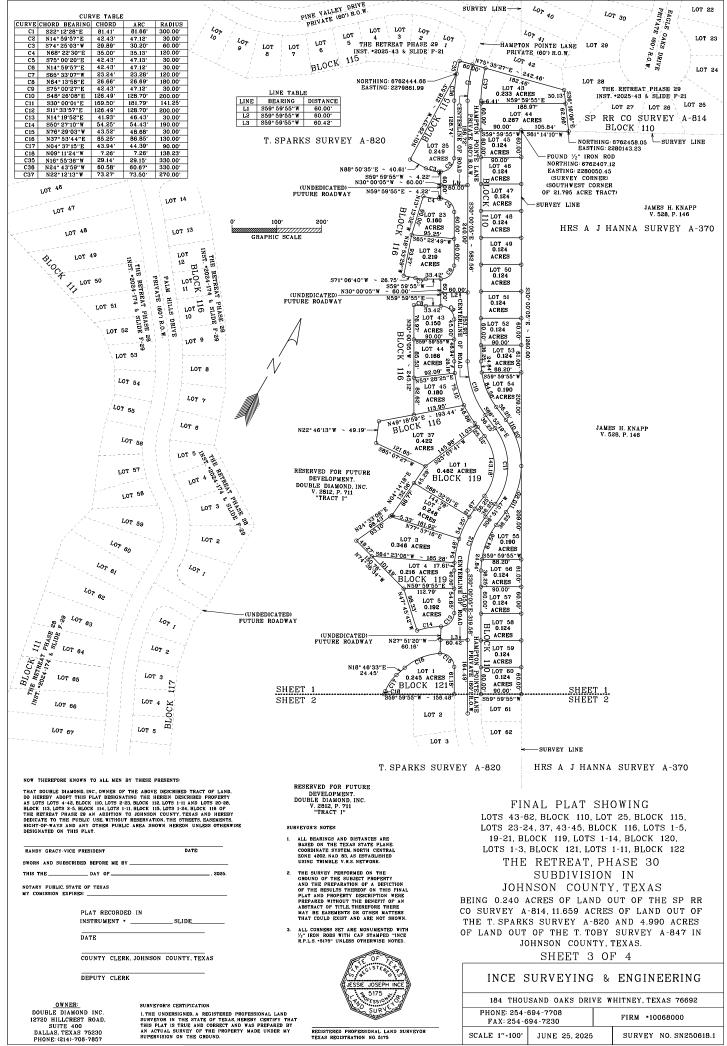
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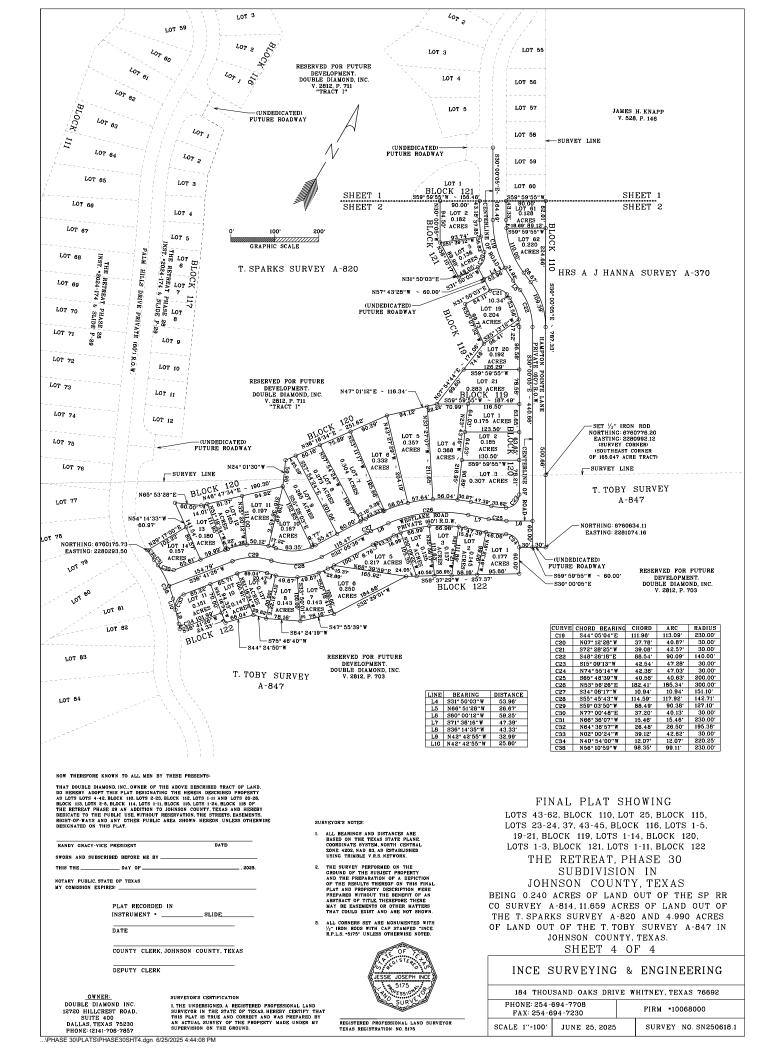
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### The Retreat Phase 30

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	All Roads Inside Subdivision will have a Minimum Paved Surface of Twenty-Two (22)
1. Reduce the Pavement Width to 20'.	Feet.
	The minimum Gradient for a Subdivision Street shall be Four-Tenths (0.40) Percent and the Maximum Gradient shall be Ten (10) Percent for Streets with Open Bar Ditches and the Maximum Gradient on Curb and Gutter Streets shall be determined by the Engineer Designing
2. Exceed the Maximum Roadway Gradient of 10%.	the Street for the Public Safety of Persons using the Street.
3. Reduce the Utility and Drainage Easements along the Front and Rear of all Lots from 15 Feet to 10 Feet.	Utility Easements of not Less than Fifteen (15) Feet shall be Provided on the Front and Back Lot Lines.
4. Place the Water Lines within the Right-Of-Way.	Water Lines are to be Located in the Front Easement.
5. Not to Place Sewer Lines Under the Middle of the Street.	Sewer Lines are to be Located in the Middle of the Street.
6. Use of HDPE Pipe for Storm Sewer Culverts.	Culverts shall be Constructed of Corrugated Metal unless otherwise Approved by Public Works Department and the Commissioner in that Precinct.
	The Owner shall not Sell any Lots in the Subdivision until the Plat Application is
7. Conveyance of Lots prior to Electric Service Installation.	Approved by the Commissioners Court; andAll Utility Construction is Complete.

Variance Request

#### **:urrent Regluation**

Reference Section IX, General Road and Street Specifications, C) Requirement for Street Pavement, (9) Paved Surface, Page 48.

Reference Section IX, General Road and Street Specifications, A) Street Specifications, (1) Page 48.

Reference Section IV, Requirements for Plat Application, 8) Utility Service, Page 24.

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Reference Appendix A, D) Storm Drainage Design Criteria, (5) Culverts, Page 71.

Reference Section VI, General Requirements. L) Sale of Lots, (1) Page 37.