

TOWN OF PALM BEACH Town Manager's Office

November 28, 2017

Law Offices of John O'Neill 44 Cocoanut Row Suite M209 Palm Beach, FL 33480

RE: Calculation of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Regarding Underground Utilities Improvements for Multiple Parcels listed below:

- 1. Maurice J. Herman 5 Sloan's Curve Dr. (PCN: 50-43-44-11-07-000-0050)
- 2. Camilo Raful 11 Sloan's Curve Dr. (PCN: 50-43-44-11-07-000-0110)
- 3. Carolyn Sakolsky 16 Sloan's Curve Dr. (PCN: 50-43-44-11-07-008-0010)
- 4. Tracy Markin 17 Sloan's Curve Dr. (PCN: 50-43-44-11-07-008-0080)
- 5. Dan Marantz 19 Sloan's Curve Dr. (PCN: 50-43-44-11-07-008-0070)
- 6. Robert Postal 20 Sloan's Curve Dr. (PCN: 50-43-44-11-07-008-0060)
- 7. William Matheson 22 Sloan's Curve Dr. (PCN: 50-43-44-11-07-008-0040)
- 8. Barbara C. Sidell 23 Sloan's Curve Dr. (PCN: 50-43-44-11-07-008-0050)

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

We are in receipt of your appeal to the Town Council regarding the Town Manager's denial of exemption from the Underground Utilities assessment based on Initial Assessment Resolution No. 090-2017 and the Utility Undergrounding Assessment Methodology adopted by the Town Council, July 21, 2016.

We have reviewed the facts in detail and determined the appeal is not eligible for adjudication by the Town Council for the following reasons:

- The original assessment appeal was denied by the Town Manager. The letter informing you of my decision was sent by staff, namely Steven Stern, Underground Utilities Project Manager.
- The above properties do not qualify as Non-Assessable since none are specified in the approved assessment methodology (assessment apportionment method) section 4.4 Special Cases and Exemptions.
- There is no alleged error in the Town Manager's application of the assessment apportionment method.
 Note that parcel numbers 1, 2 and 7 have already been proactively adjusted by the Town to apply the undergrounding assessment discount. The other listed parcels do not qualify for the discount pursuant to the approved assessment apportionment method.
- An appeal to the Town Council objecting to any aspect of the assessment apportionment methodology
 is an invalid appeal pursuant to the Town Code and cannot be allowed to proceed via the appeals
 process.

My apologies for being unable to provide you with the relief sought on behalf of your client, but for the reasons stated above an appeal to the Town Council is not available in this instance per the Town Code.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Bradford Town Manager

CC:

Steven Stern, Underground Utilities Project Manager Assessment Appeal File

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