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A Neighborhood Bill of Rights

Dear Resident,

A building permit was recently pulled for construction near your home at

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The City Commission adopted a Builders Code of Conduct, which outlines the City's expectations with regard to construction, and a Neighborhood Bill of Rights to protect the property rights of existing homeowners. Please review your rights below and contact the City Offices at 248-581-2637 with any questions or concerns during the project.

The Right to Use and Enjoy Your Property

Anyone who wants to build has to do it in a way that does not abuse his or her neighbor's property and peace. Construction is only permitted Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The Right to a Safe Neighborhood

Anyone who wants to build must make sure they do not create an unsafe neighborhood situation.

The Right to Know What's Going On

Construction information is at City Hall if you would like to review plans on file for the project or speak to the Building Official.

The Right to Have Contractors Obey the Law

If you are aware of an unsafe situation, please notify the City as soon as possible.

The Right to Know What the Law Is.

Builders, owners and neighbors alike need to have easy access to laws, ordinances, policies and interpretations. Our Code of Ordinances is available on the City website at www.hwmi.org and you may contact our Building Department with any questions.

The Right to Keep Your Property Undamaged

Improvement of your neighbor's property should not cause damage to your property. If you are concerned, please contact City Hall.

The Right Not to Pay the Contractor's Costs

Water, electricity, storage, and access are all issues that a builder must solve before construction and on his own property. Utility use without permission and adjacent property trespass are both illegal.

The Right to Have Public Property Respected

If sidewalks and the street in your neighborhood become unpassable, please notify City Hall. Trees within the public right of way may not be removed or trimmed and should be fenced off to protect the roots a minimum of 5' from the tree base if possible without impeding street or pedestrian traffic flow. Excavations and driveways shall not be placed within 6' of any street tree without a written permit from the DPW.

The Right to Not Pay for Builders Mistakes

Builders are responsible for damage they or their contractors might cause to streets, sidewalks, curbs, lawns, or cables/wires.