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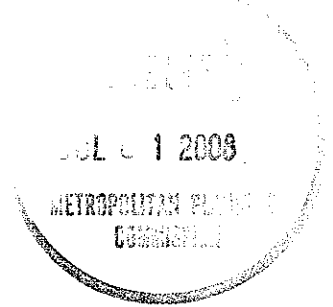
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Deputy Director of Engineering

June 30, 2008

Mr. Ken Pruitt, Principal Planner
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901



**SUBJECT: Request to Close a Portion of Louisiana Avenue
MPC File #7-B-08-SC / City Blocks 19390, 19522 & 19524**

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

This is a request is to close Louisiana Avenue from Sherman Street southwest, passing an intersection with Baggett Drive, to its terminus at the railroad tracks, a total distance of approximately 700 feet.

This is one of three interconnected right-of-way closures currently being requested by Arthur Seymour, Jr., on behalf of Gerdau Ameristeel. The other two requests involve a portion of Baggett Drive (MPC #7-A-08-SC) and a portion of an alley (MPC #7-A-08-AC). If any one of these three roads is closed, the current traffic pattern will be interrupted and there will be no public turn-around by which vehicles may reverse course to exit the area.

Also, if Louisiana Avenue is closed, Lots 1-8, 10R, 11, and 12 of Lonsdale, Block 27 (Map Bk. 5, page 183); Lot 1 of Map Instrument No. 200501260059099 (Tax Parcel 094-A-A-001.01); and Tax Parcel 094-A-A-002 will all become landlocked.

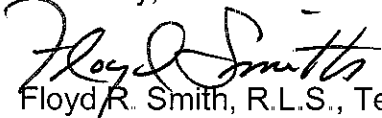
Therefore, the Engineering Department requests that this closure be approved only with the following conditions:

1. The property owner shall provide an alternative means by which traffic entering the area from Sherman Street via the above alley or Connecticut Avenue may circle or reverse course back to Sherman Street via dedicated public rights-of-way. Said means shall be approved by the Engineering Department.
2. The property owner shall prepare and record a new subdivision plat, approved by the Metropolitan Planning Commission, which defines and dedicates the above said means to the public and which consolidates or resubdivides its properties so that no lots or parcels are landlocked.
3. The ordinance closing this right-of-way shall stipulate that this closure shall not become effective until the plat is recorded with the Knox County Register Of Deeds, but if not recorded within one year from the date City Council gives final approval of this request, the closure shall be deemed to be null and void.

I have discussed these concerns with Mr. Seymour. He indicates the property owner intends to comply with these conditions.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Floyd R. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F".

Floyd R. Smith, R.L.S., Technical Services Administrator

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