## **Project Summary**

## Dry Creek Highlands, Phase 3

This narrative serves as a summary of findings for the above reference project pertaining to the 11800 South fencing requirements.

Final Planning and Zoning signature approval: September 14, 2004

Final City Attorney signature approval: January 11, 2005

Final City Administrator signature approval: January 17, 2005

Plat recorded; January 20, 2005.

Construction of the project was 2005 through 2006.

Wall constructed along Highland Boulevard (1200 I.f.) in 2006.

Lot 310 closed December 2011. Lot 311 closed September 2006. Lot 313 closed August 2006.

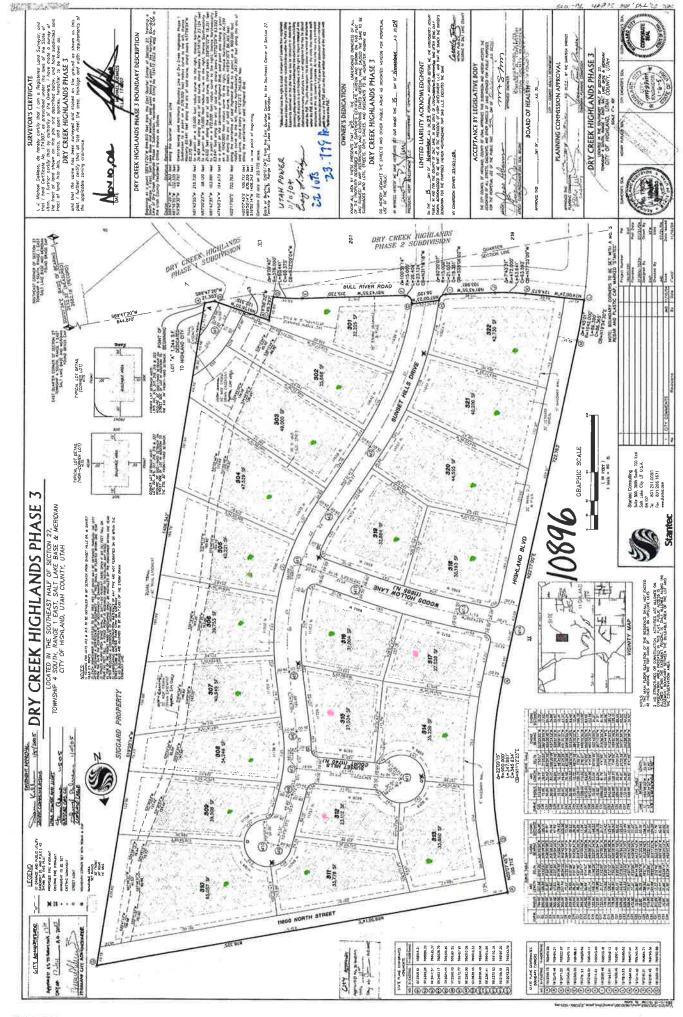
Ivory constructed a model home in Phase 1 to aid home sales Phases 1, 2, and 3. A new model home was constructed in Phase 4. The Phase 1 model prominently displayed a Phase 3 plat showing easements, lot areas, lot dimensions, street names, set back requirements, lot sq. footage, fencing requirements along Highland Boulevard, and a very plain note indicating "Ivory will not be fencing along 11800 South" (lower left hand corner). Please look at the final recorded plat that is attached. A copy of the final recorded plat is attached. Please note that there is no fencing requirement along 11800 South Street, but there is a fencing requirement along Highland Boulevard (approximately 1200 I.f. of 5 foot masonry wall).

On September 26, 2012 a letter (attached) was sent to Larry and Paula Call concerning signs posted on their property. The letter makes several legal statements about Ivory's stand on this issue.

Attached is a copy of the Highland City Bonding Estimate prepared by Highland City. Please note on the third page under "Other" item 005 fencing of 1200 l.f. at a cost of \$54,000. This wall has been installed as required by the City. Please note that if you add the lineal footage along Highland Boulevard the summation of the lineal dimensions is approximately 1200 feet, further evidence that no bonding for any wall along 11800 South Street was required. The agent for the buyers on Lot 310 said he never committed to a wall because he knew there wasn't one. The original buyer on Lot 313 did ask if there was a wall on 11800 South St. and he was told "no wall". If one will drive 11800 South St. east of Highland Blvd., it is clear there was never a requirement of the City for a wall east of Highland Blvd. The LDS Church building and school do not have fences along 11800 South St. and going further east the subdivisions on the south side of 11800 South St. have a variety of fences (one lot masonry, most have iron fences; and some with wood vinyl. These fences have been installed by the adjacent property owners at the owner's expense and are not consistent with a required wall installed by the developer. The properties on the north side of 11800 South St. do not have fences.

In good faith Ivory has completed the requirements of Phase 3 back in 2006 and 2007. Seven (7) years has passed since the project was closed out and released by the City.





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September 26, 2012

Larry and Paula Call 6648 West Sunset Hills Court Highland, UT 84003

Original Hand Delivered Sent Certified Mail And First Class

Defamation and Tortious Interference with Ivory Homes Re: Cease and Desist Demand

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Call:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated September 21, 2012. Ivory Homes has carefully revisited your position, but disagrees with you on several points. First, you state that you and your wife "understood" Ivory Homes, Ltd. ("Ivory") would construct a wall along 11800 North behind your house, and at the same time acknowledge that you never spoke or met with an Ivory representative before erecting your sign. Your and your wife's understanding apparently derives from hearsay statements of the people who sold you the home, and from "several different [unnamed] parties who affirmed that Ivory Homes made those kinds of representations to them . . ." Whatever source, your understanding is misinformed.

Ivory Homes never contracted, committed, or intended to build a wall along 11800 North. As previously furnished to you, the plat map for this subdivision shows that no wall was going to be built in that location. All but one of the homes in your vicinity was built in 2006. Had there been a commitment to build the wall, surely you understand that Highland City would have never approved construction on the lots or released Ivory's improvement bond without the wall having been complete. Ivory's wall obligation was satisfied, and Highland City approved the homes, the subdivision improvements and released the bond.

Additionally, Ivory made no commitment in the home purchase contracts with the original homebuyers to build a wall along 11800 North. If it had, the wall would have been built. Further, its homebuyers would have no doubt raised the issue long before the passing of the interim 6 years. They did not, because no such commitment or agreement existed. Neither did Ivory represent that a wall would be built to prospective or actual purchasers. Whatever hearsay upon which you have formed your belief that Ivory committed to build a wall is obviously unreliable. Fact is, you have no factual basis to complain, which underscores your reckless disregard for the truth when you put up your sign.

If the construction of a wall was material to your purchase of the home, a reasonable person would have not relied solely on the representation of a third person, but could have verified the fact by Larry and Paula Call September 26, 2012 Page 2

checking with the entity who supposedly was going to do the actual construction. A simple inquiry to Ivory would have cleared up any confusion.

Importantly, you didn't buy your home from Ivory. Besides that, you do not have another contract with Ivory, and never have. Ivory has no contractual obligation to build a wall for you, or, for that matter, to do anything else. This you well know. You and Ivory are contractual and legal strangers. Nor does Ivory owe you a duty at law to build a wall. You simply have no claim against Ivory or standing to demand that Ivory do anything, much less "work out some sort of compromise" with you. Fact is, you have no basis to imply that Ivory owes you anything. To knowingly do so as you have is duplicitous and further underscores the vacuous message of your banner.

Regardless of your level of "comfort" with the sign, it is defamation and actionable. Defamatory speech is not protected speech under either the Utah or United States Constitution. Regardless of the fact that you published the statement in the form of a question, the implication about Ivory Homes is clear. The Utah Supreme Court has held that statement can be defamatory when it "states or implies facts that are false or defamatory." American Bush v. City of South Salt Lake, 2006 UT 40, ¶ 126, 140 P.3d 1235, see also West v. Thomson Newspapers, 872 P.2d 999, 1011 (Utah 1994) (holding that statements themselves were not defamatory, but the implication arising from statements were defamatory). Your purpose for putting up the sign in the first place would be defeated if the sign did not communicate that Ivory had an obligation to build a wall and was in the wrong for not having done so by now.

Ivory has answered your question with indisputable evidence that it never intended or committed to your seller, to the city, and much less to you to build a wall along 11800 North. If you were told differently when you bought the home, that is between you and the seller. Now that you are in possession of the relevant information proving your prior statement to be false, any further defamatory action from you will be considered clearly malicious and will not be tolerated.

Govern yourselves accordingly.

ery truly yours,

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Benson L. Hathaway,

BLH:wm cc: Ivory Homes, Ltd.

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## **Highland City Bonding Estimate**

SUBDIVISION NAME:		jų byr	DRY CREEK HIGHLANDS 3					
LOCATION:			Highland Utah					
DEVELOPER:		Jr. 6. 18-1	Ivory Development					
		Unit	Qunatity	Unit Costs	Totals			
EARTH	(WORK (100-)	Ont	Quilatity	Omi Cosis				
001-	Clearing and Grubbing	SF	333,108.00	\$0.04	\$13,324.32			
002-	Silt Fence along cons. Easement	LF	1,196.00	\$1.95	\$2,332.20			
003-	Gravel washout pad	TON	55.00	\$9.09	\$499.95			
004-	Intlet protection	LUMP	10.00	\$150.00	\$1,500.00			
005-	Mass Excavation	CY	10,000.00	\$2.20	\$22,000.00			
006-	Compaction Testing	LUMP	1.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00			
007-					\$0.00			
008-					\$0.00			
009-					\$0.00			
010-	2				\$0.00			
011-					\$0.00			
011	EARTH	WORK SUB-TOTAL	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		\$43,656.47			
SANITA	ARY SEWER (200-)	Unit	Qunatity	Unit Costs	Totals			
001-	48" Manhole	EACH	10.00	\$1,825.00	\$18,250.00			
002-	60" Manhole	EACH	2.00	\$2,574.60	\$5,149.20			
003-	8" Sewer main	LF	1,655.00	\$14.36	\$23,765.80			
004-	4" Laterals	EACH	22.00	\$441.40	\$9,710.80			
005-	Bedding for Sewer	TON	3,987.00	\$4.79	\$19,097.73			
006-	Video	LF	1,655.00	\$1.00	\$1,655.00			
007-	Concrete Collar	EACH	12.00	\$300.00	\$3,600.00			
008-					\$0.00			
009-					\$0.00			
010-					\$0.00			
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	I DRAIN (300-)	Unit	Qunatity	Unit Costs	Totals			
001-	15" RCP	LF	1,397.00	\$18.00	\$25,146.00			
002-	18" RCP	LF	331.00	\$24.00	\$7,944.00			
003-	36" RCP	LF	1,084.00	\$44.00	\$47,696.00			
004-	Inlet Box	EACH	10.00	\$1,184.23	\$11,842.30			
005-	Cleanout Box	EACH	20.00	\$1,696.32	\$33,926.40			
006-	Bubble up Box	EACH	1.00	\$1,038.92	\$1,038.92			
007-	15" Flared End Section	EACH	1.00	\$1,520.08	\$1,520.08			
009-	Concrete Collar	EACH	16.00	\$250.00	\$4,000.00			
010-	Grade Detention basin	LUMP	1.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			
					\$0.00			
	STORM	<b>DRAIN SUB-TOTAL</b>			\$135,113.70			

		Unit	Qunatity	Unit Costs	Totals	
001-	Hot tap connection	EACH	1.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.0	
02-	8" Water Main w/bedding	LF	1,998.00	\$22.00	\$43,956.0	
03-	Fire Hydrant	EACH	5.00	\$2,518.56	\$12,592.8	
04-	Laterals	EACH	22.00	\$395.17	\$8,693.7	
05-	8" valves	EACH	10.00	\$725.00	\$7,250.0	
06-	Concrete Collars	EACH	10.00	\$250.00	\$2,500.0	
07-					\$0.0	
08-					\$0.0	
09-					\$0.0	
10-					\$0.0	
	CULINA	RY SUB-TOTAL	-		\$77,792.5	
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ECON	DARY WATER (500-)	Unit	Qunatity	Unit Costs	Totals	
01-	Hot tap existing	EACH	1.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.0	
02-	6" Water Main w/ bedding	LF	1,517.00	\$12.00	\$18,204.0	
03-	Secondary water laterals	EACH	22.00	\$684.95	\$15,068.9	
04-	6" valves	TON	5.00	\$650.00	\$3,250.	
05-	Concrete Collar	EACH	5.00	\$250.00	\$1,250.0	
06-	2" Blowoff Assemblies	EACH	2.00	\$250.00	\$500.0	
07-					\$0.0	
08-					\$0.0	
)9-					\$0.0	
	SECONDARY	WATER SUB-TOTA	AL		\$39,772.9	
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01-	24" Curb & Gutter	LF	5,240.00	\$9.39	\$49,203.6	
02-	4' Sidewalk w/ base	LF	4,094.00	\$9.66	\$39,548.0	
03-	Handicap Ramp (latest ADA)	EACH	6.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.0	
04-	3" Asphalt Paving - with 6" Base	SF	73,125.00	\$0.69	\$50,456.2	
05-	8" road base	SF	73,125.00	\$0.39	\$28,518.	
06-	12" pit run	SF	73,125.00	\$0.40	\$29,250.0	
07-					\$0.0	
08-					\$0.0	
09-					\$0.0	
10-		1			\$0.0	
10	ROAD IMPROVEMENTS SUB-TOTAL					
	DEFENDING THE REST OF STREET				\$199,976.0	
ANDS	CAPING (700-)	Unit	Qunatity	Unit Costs	Totals	
01-	Trees	EACH	45.00	\$250.00	\$11,250.0	
02-	Sod	SF	0.50	\$1,200.00	\$600.0	
03-	Hydroseeding	SF	23,100.00	\$0.15	\$3,465.0	
04-	Sprinkler System	LUMP	25,500.00	\$0.50	\$12,750.0	
05-	Top Soil	CY	8.00	\$75.00	\$600.0	
06-	Power	LUMP	1.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.	
07-	Conc. Mow Edge	LF	73.00	\$5.00	\$365.	
07- 08-	Conc. Mow Edge	LF	75.00	ψυ.00	\$0.	
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09-						
10-					\$0.	

OTHER (800-)		Unit	Qunatity	Unit Costs	Totals
001-	Monuments	EACH	13.00	\$250.00	\$3,250.00
002-	Stop Signs	EACH	3.00	\$130.00	\$390.00
003-	Yield Signs	EACH	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
004-	Street Name Signs	EACH	4.00	\$150.00	\$600.00
005-	Fencing	LF	1,200.00	\$45.00	\$54,000.00
006-	10' Meandering Asphalt Trail (Highland Blvd)	LF	1,200.00	\$10.00	\$12,000.00
007-	Street Lights	EACH	4.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00
008-					\$0.00
009-					\$0.00
010-					\$0.00
	\$78,240.00				

 GRAND SUB-TOTAL
 \$ 686,810.78

 TEN (10%) PERCENT RETAINAGE
 \$ 68,681.08

 GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATE
 \$ 755,491.86