

## Outingdale Home Owners Association

### **Fee Waiving**

Request the current fee for a Special Use Permit for gates be reduced from \$1500.00, plus \$136 DOT fee to the previous fee of a flat \$500.00.

### **Events**

On August 9, 2010 a meeting with Supervisor Ray Nutting, Principal Planner Pierre Rivas, Code Enforcements Jim Wassner and individuals from the community of Outingdale was held. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss proper ways for Outingdale to comply with maintaining gates on a private road to meet current County Code. It was decided that a Special Use Permit for Gates was the proper process. Mr. Rivas explained that the fee was a flat \$500.00 with little paperwork. We explained to Mr. Rivas that we would have a meeting on Labor Day, Sep 5, 2010 at which time the funding of the Special Use Permit would be voted on by the HOA members. The Special Use Permit and checklist was picked up from Planning Services in late August 2010.

The funding was approved on Sep 5, 2010 and shortly thereafter an individual started to complete the request. Not being certain of what they were doing they passed it to another. Finally, about mid October 2010 the package wound up with Mr. Dobson to complete. Mr. Dobson believed the package to be complete and made an appointment with planning services to turn it into the County. The counter person indicated he needed photos of the gates, four copies. The photos were taken. An appointment was made and another attempt failed because he also needed photos of the gates closed and drawings, again four copies. This was accomplished and another appointment set. At this meeting he was advised that 25 copies of maps showing the gate locations were needed. Copies made and added. Another appointment set. Now a Knox Lock was required and this required approval of the Pioneer Fire Chief. His approval was obtained. It is now about mid Dec 2010 and the holidays. It was decided not to make another appointment until the next year. An appointment was set for Jan 9, 2011. At this meeting the package was judged complete and accepted and Mr. Dobson was told all he had to do was write a check for \$1500.00 plus \$136 DOT fee for a total of \$1636.00. Note, this was the first any of us had heard of the fee increase and the DOT fee. No one was advised in late August 2010 when picking up the application, nor at any of the attempts to deliver the application did anyone make a comment or mention that the fee was about to or had increased.

### **Why we are making this request:**

The Outingdale Home Owners Association is a non profit organization. Payment of dues by the individuals within the subdivision is totally voluntary. We had set aside the \$500.00 for the Special use permit last year. After dues were paid this year, insurance on our roads and beaches paid and monies set aside for our known upcoming expenses for this year our treasury has about \$1687.49 balance. Our intent was to perform much needed road work within the subdivision. The \$1136.00 increase in the fees would impose a financial

hardship. In the time period between the HOA funding approval, Sep 5, 2010 and the fee increase of Oct 4, 2010 we had 19 working days to return the completed application for the Special Use Permit to the County. Following the County **REQUIRED SUBMITTAL INFORMATION for Special Use Permit** (check list) we came up short of required documentation on every attempt to return the application. Not getting a full list of items that had to be part of the package and repeated return visits further delayed our submission. Had we known that the fee was going to increase in 17 days we could have completed the application properly, and submitted it in a timely manner based on the check list and repeated return visits for additional documentation, we think not. Not to cast stones, we think the County caused undue and unnecessary delays in our submission.

**Request:**

We respectfully request the County of El Dorado roll back the current fee of \$1500.00 plus \$136 DOT fee in effect to the fee that existed prior to Oct 4, 2010. It should be noted that Supervisor Nutting, Mr. Rivas and Mr. Wassner have made an ongoing positive attempt to work with us and not against us to resolve our issues. Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

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cc: Supervisor Nutting  
Planner Rivas  
Enforcement Wassner