

July 16, 2020
City of Delray Beach
Attn: Development Service Dept
100 NW First Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444

Reference: Old Palm Grove Home Owners Association

To Whom It May Concern:

Old Palm Grove (OPG) is seeking a waiver to City Ordinance #LDR Sec. 4.6.9(D)(3)(c)(2) Stacking distance

We are a small community with just 33 homes and 11 townhomes, located East of Federal Highway.

We would like to install a Barrier Arm (Arm) at the intersection of Eastview Ave and Old Palm Lane. The purpose of the Arm is to

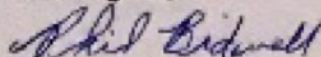
- (1) act as a deterrent towards cars entering the community who are not residents of OPG.
 - a. While the gate will be set to automatically open for ALL vehicles when they get within 8' of the Arm, cars that do not belong in the community will likely see the gate and turn around
- (2) act as a "glorified stop sign"
 - a. Vehicles approaching the gate will be forced to slow down, and potentially stop at the barrier gate. This is very important for Pedestrians within the community, as cars currently speed past the stop sign. Reckless drivers have created several "close call situations" in which Pedestrians walking through the community have nearly been hit because drivers failed to stop, or even slow down at that intersection.

It is extremely important to keep in mind that:

- "Stacking" should not come into play because the Arm opens automatically for all vehicles
- The Arm will automatically open (through motion sensors) whenever a vehicle comes within approximately 8 feet of the Arm.
- Credentials will not be needed to enter or to leave because the gate opens automatically.
- The Arm only takes approx. 3 seconds to fully open from the time a vehicle is registered.
- If a second vehicle is presented while the Arm is up, the Arm will stay up/open
- If a second vehicle is presented while the arm is closing, the Arm will stop mid cycle and reopen
- The Arm will be long enough (Approx. 16') to deter vehicles, but will be shorter than the full lane by approximately 5' to still allow pedestrians to walk/bike around the Arm without being in the primary travel lane of a vehicle.

We appreciate your consideration and would be happy to provide any additional information needed.

Best Regards,



Phil Bidwell,
Old Palm Grove HOA - President