CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL



Agenda Item C February 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of a request by Pulte Land Company, LLC to waive the Maintenance and Guarantee Bond required under Section 26.5-33(1)(d)(12) of the ordinance for water and sewer facilities installed in the Townes at Liberty Park Phases I and II (northeast corner of Twelve Mile Road and Declaration Drive).

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Services, Engineering Division

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

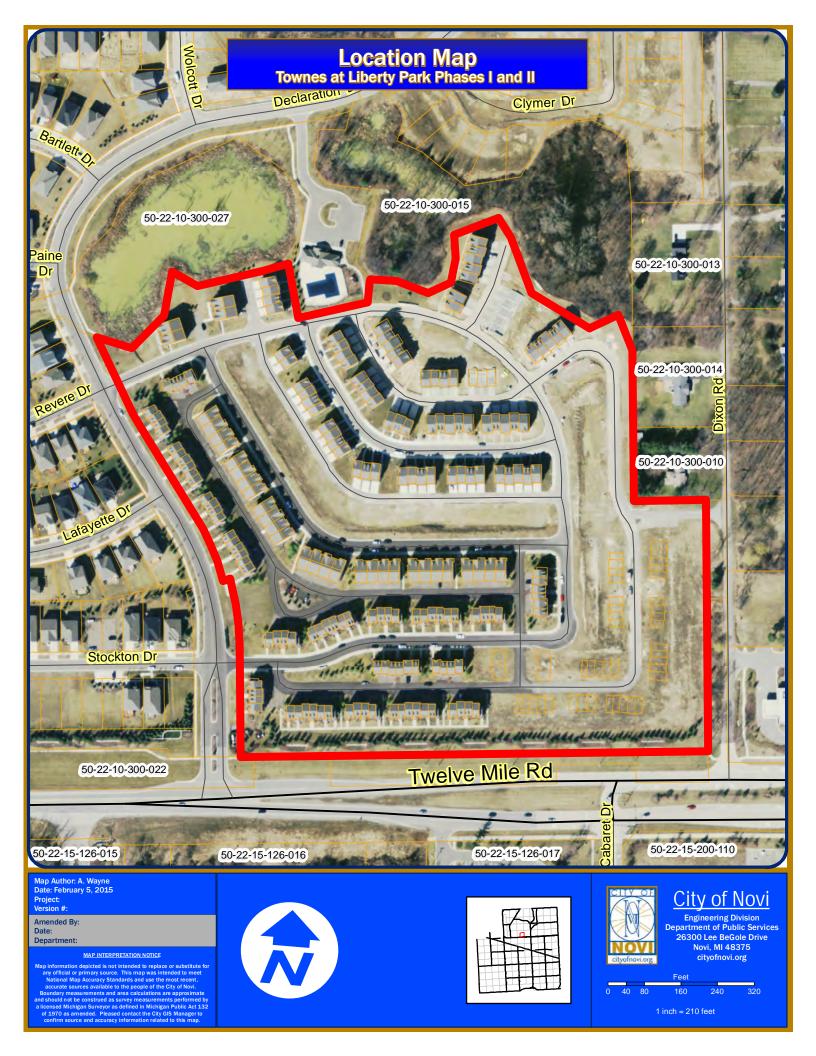
The owners of the Townes at Liberty Park Phases I and II – Pulte Land Company, LLC, have requested that the City waive the two-year maintenance and Guarantee Bond requirement under Ordinance Section 26.5-33(1)(d)(12) for the project due to the length of time that has elapsed since the installation of the utilities.

The Ordinance requires a Maintenance and Guarantee Bond for all newly installed water main and sanitary sewer facilities that will ultimately be dedicated as public for a two-year term. The bond ensures the improvements are in good working order by repairing any defect, whether due to improper or defective materials, equipment, labor, workmanship, or otherwise without expense to the City. The two-year term would normally coincide with the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the first unit or building.

The water main and sanitary sewers serving these sites were installed, tested and approved for operation in 2005 and 2008, for Townes at Liberty Park Phases I and II respectively, but not formally dedicated at that time. Therefore, the developer is requesting the waiver for the Maintenance and Guarantee Bond to move forward with Utility Acceptance by the City. The City has not experienced any problems with the facilities in question and therefore staff recommends approval of the requested waiver of the Maintenance and Guarantee Bond requirement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a request by Pulte Land Company, LLC to waive the Maintenance and Guarantee Bond required under Section 26.5-33(1)(d)(12) of the ordinance for water and sewer facilities installed in the Townes at Liberty Park Phases I and II (northeast corner of Twelve Mile Road and Declaration Drive).

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February 2, 2015

City of Novi-Engineering Division Attn: Adam Wayne- Engineer 26300 Lee BeGole Drive Novi, MI 48375

RE: Waive Request for the utility maintenance bond for Townes at Liberty Park-Phase 1 and 2.

Dear Mr. Adam Wayne:

Please allow this letter to serve as the request to waive the utility maintenance bond requirement for the community Townes at Liberty Park phases 1 and 2 because the utilities have been installed and functioning for a longer time period than the required bond period.

If you should have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at 248-977-8466 or via email at <u>amanda.vanderpool@pulte.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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Amanda Vanderpool Land Project Manager

Sec. 26.5-33. Requirements for completion of improvements in developments with public streets and utilities.

The following requirements shall apply where the streets and utilities within a development are contemplated or required to be dedicated to the public and accepted by the city.

(1) Completion of utilities and acceptance for maintenance.

d. The following acceptance documents (executed by or on behalf of the applicant unless otherwise specified herein) must be submitted to the city engineer for review and approval prior to approval of plot plan for single-family residential building sites, including platted subdivisions and site condominiums and prior to issuance of any temporary certificate of occupancy for all other developments:

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12. Maintenance and guarantee bond equal to twenty-five (25) percent of the cost of the construction of the utilities to be accepted. This bond must be in effect for a period of two (2) years from the date of the "acknowledgement" signed by the city engineer indicating the city has accepted the utilities and corresponding easements.