

July 27, 2010

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Dear Sirs:

It has come to the attention of OC Public Works that a number of Rossmoor residents have installed pavers or concrete in the parkways adjacent to their homes. As you may already be aware, the parkway areas between public streets and sidewalks are public property, rather than the property of the adjacent homeowner. As such, these areas in Rossmoor are regulated by the County of Orange. Current County standards prohibit the use of stones, stamped concrete, bricks, or pavers due to the potential for creating trip hazards to pedestrians.

In addition, regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board as part of the County's new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, call for maximizing unpaved areas that can absorb rainfall and pollutants to improve water quality, and enhance the health of creeks and other water bodies downstream of developed areas. In keeping with these requirements, OC Public Works will no longer be granting permits for finished concrete pavement in parkways.

In an effort to work with the Rossmoor community and others going forward, the following County policy has been adopted:

- All walkways installed prior to July 31, 2010 will be considered preexisting and removal will not be required, unless such work was not previously permitted and poses a trip or other safety hazard.
- Any request to OC Public Works to permit the installation of any type of paved walkway within the public right-of-way after July 31, 2010 will be denied.

To ensure that Rossmoor homeowners receive notification of this policy, and to assist the County in its implementation, OC Public Works requests the support and cooperation of the Rossmoor Homeowner's Association and the Community Services District. Specifically, we are requesting that your organizations

include this policy within your regular communications with Rossmoor residents, such as postings on your websites and in your newsletters.

I am available, and welcome the opportunity to further discuss the County's request for your support. Should you wish, please contact me at (714) 667-3213. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ignacio G. Ochoa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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