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January 25, 1994

Ms. Cheryl Milam Administrative Secretary-Finance Town of Addison P. O. Box 144 Addison, TX 75001

Re: Kezoh, et al v. Multivest Real Estate Fund, LTD, et al

Cause No. 93-3827-E

Dear Ms. Milam:

Judgment has been entered in favor of the Town in this case. Enclosed is a copy of the Judgment. The Judgment disposes of all of Plaintiffs' claims against the Town of Addison.

I have appreciated the opportunity of representing the Town in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Ronald H. Clark

RHC/smw

Enclosure: Agreed Judgment as to Defendant, Town of Addison

cc: Ron Whitehead Kenneth Dippel Robin Jones

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## AGREED JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT, TOWN OF ADDISON

On this day came on to be considered the Motion for Summary Judgment of Defendant, Town of Addison. The Court, having considered the Motion, the "Agreed Motion to Waive Hearing, Enter Judgment, and To Sever," and the pleadings and papers on file in the case is of the opinion that the Motion should be granted.

It is therefore ORDERED that the Motion for Summary Judgment of Defendant, Town of Addison, is granted, and that Plaintiffs shall take nothing of and from Defendant, Town of Addison. The Town of Addison shall not be liable for any costs in this case, and all costs shall abide a final decision by the Court as to the remaining parties in the case.

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against the Town of Addison by Plaintiffs shall be in the form of a separately styled and docketed suit.

Signed this Zo day of

Judge Presiding

APPROVED AND AGREED TO:

F. Steven Kessler

Attorney for Plaintiffs

Attorney for Defendant, Town of Addison

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North B. LaBlan
Notary Public - State of Texas

My Commission Expires:

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Secs. 10-9-10-15. Reserved.

#### ARTICLE II. MAINTAINING NUISANCE\*

### Sec. 10-16. Penalties generally.

The penalty provided for a violation of this Code shall be in addition to and cumulative of the provisions in this article for the abatement of nuisances and charging the cost of same against the owner of the premises by the city. (Ord. No. 206, § 12, 4-21-75)

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<sup>\*</sup>Cross references—Ammais and rowl, Ch. 4; housing, Ch. 7, solid waste, Ch. 15.

State law reference—Samuation and health protection, V.T.C.S., Art. 1477 I et seq.

#### Sec. 10-17. Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the terms used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

General. Any words not defined in this section shall be construed in the context used and by ordinary interpretation and not as a word of art.

Animal or animals other than dogs shall mean any animal, other than dogs, which creates a health hazard or definite danger to the surrounding neighborhood.

Brush shall mean scrub vegetation or dense undergrowth.

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Carrion shall mean the dead and putrifying flesh of an animal, fowl or fish.

Filth shall mean any matter in a putrescent state.

Impure or unwholesome matter shall mean any putrescible or nonputrescible condition, object or matter which tends to, may or could produce injury, death or disease to human beings.

Matter shall mean that of which any physical object is composed.

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Objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary matter shall mean any matter, condition or object which is or should be objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary to a person of ordinary sensitivities.

Refuse shall mean heterogeneous accumulation of worn out, used up, broken, rejected or worthless materials.

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Rubbish shall mean trash, debris, rubble, stone, useless fragments of building material and other miscellaneous useless wastes or rejected matter.

Weeds shall mean grass, weeds or brush of a height in excess of twelve (12) inches, but not cultivated vegetation. (Ord. No. 206, § 1(a-1), 4-21-75; Ord. No. 088-027, § 1, 6-28-88)

State law reference-Definitions relating to minimum standards of sanitation and health protection, V.T.C.S., Art. 4477-1, § 1.

### Sec. 10-18. Unsightly weeds and vegetation-prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control over any real property located in a business zoning district, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city, to permit grass, weeds or brush to grow to a greater height than twelve (12) inches upon any real property. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control over any real property located in a nonbusiness zoning district, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city, to permit grass, weeds or brush to grow to a greater height than six (6) inches. In no event shall any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control over any real property located in any district, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city, permit objectionable or unsightly matter to remain upon said property. (Ord. No. 63, 6-9-64; Ord. No. 155, § 1, 5-21-73; Ord. No. 206, § 2, 4-21-75; Ord. No. 088-027, § 2, 6-28-88) State law reference-Authority for above section, V.T.C.S., Art. 4436.

# Sec. 10-19. Same—Removal and cutting of weeds, grass or plants.

It shall be the duty of any person, owner, agent, occupant or anyone having supervision or control of any lot, tract, parcel of land, or a portion thereof, occupied or unoccupied, within the city to take whatever action is necessary to remove, cut, eliminate, eradicate, control or cause to be removed, cut, eliminated, eradicated or controlled, all such grass, weeds or plants as often as may be necessary to comply with this article. (Ord. No. 821, § 1, 8-10-82; Ord. No. 088-027, § 3, 6-28-88)

## Sec. 10-20. Same-Removal or deposit of dirt, gravel, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or deposit dirt, gravel, earth or topsoil from any land situated within the city unless such person provides for proper drainage following the removal or deposit of such dirt, gravel, earth or topsoil. By the term "proper drainage," it is meant that the water drainage off such land shall not disturb the natural drainage so as to adversely affect city streets or adjoining property owners. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or deposit any such material unless he first secures a permit for such from the city. The owners of any private property where fill material is placed shall cause the same to be graded and leveled within thirty (30) days from the placement thereof. (Ord. No. 821, § 2, 8-10-82)

### Sec. 10-21. Zoning.

In areas zoned commercial or industrial under the zoning ordinance of the city, the requirements in sections 10-17—10-20 shall be applicable to areas within two hundred (200) feet from buildings and areas within two hundred (200) feet from property lines adjacent to the building on adjoining property owned by other persons, and within two hundred (200) feet of property zoned other than commercial or industrial under the zoning ordinance of the city. (Ord. No. 206, § 4, 4-21-75)

## Sec. 10-22. Railroad rights-of-way.

The provisions of this article shall be applicable to all railroad rights-of-way. (Ord. No. 206, § 5, 4-21-75)

Cross reference—Motor vehicles and traffic, Ch. 9.

# Sec. 10-23. Accumulation of lumber, boxes, junk, wrecked automobiles, machinery, etc.

It is unlawful and declared a nuisance for any owner or occupant, tenant or lessee of any premises improved or unimproved on which evidence of rat infestation is found, or any lots or alleys adjacent to such property, to permit accumulation of any lumber, boxes, barrels, bricks, stones or any other character of materials

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that may be used as a harborage for rats, rodents or other vermin, unless same shall be placed on open racks and elevated not less than eighteen (18) inches above the ground, with a clear intervening space underneath; or any and all waste matter, whether reusable or not, which is offensive to the public health, safety or to the esthetics of the neighborhood, and is specifically intended to include, but not be limited to, worn out, wrecked and/or abandoned automobiles, trucks, tractors, machinery or any parts thereof, brick, stones, old iceboxes, refrigerators and stoves, to accumulate or remain on such lot or premises. (Ord. No. 206, § 6, 4-21-75; Ord. No. 821, § 1, 8-10-82)

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# Sec. 10-24. Nuisance located upon easements; duties of abutting property owners and occupants.

For purposes of this section, the term "easement" shall mean a right, vested in the public generally or in the community as a whole, to use and enjoy the land of another person for a special purpose. Such term shall include, but not be limited to, all drainage and floodway dedications or easements located within the corporate limits of the Town of Addison. In the event that a nuisance, as defined hereinabove at section 10-17, is found to exist upon any easement within the city, or in the event that any person, firm or corporation whose property is burdened by any easement within the city limits, fails to comply with the foregoing provision of this article, the city manager or his duly appointed representative may give a ten (10) day official notice to such person, firm or corporation which is creating such nuisance or is violating the terms of this article. If such person, firm or corporation fails or refuses to comply with the provision of sections 10-18 through 10-20 within the ten (10) days following notification, they shall be considered to be in violation and subject to a fine as provided in Chapter 1 of this Code. The provisions of this section shall apply only to the owner of the servient estate or the property burdened by the easement and shall not apply to the grantee or holder of such easement.

Property owners and occupants shall be jointly responsible for nuisances and abatement thereof under this article up to the curb or sidewalk, and between the curb and sidewalk, of the

streets and to the pavement of alleys on abutting property they own or occupy. Existing drainage areas and creeks traversing drainage and floodway easements within the city shall remain as open channels (unless required to be enclosed by other ordinances) at all times and shall be maintained by the individual owners of the lot or lots that are traversed by or adjacent to the drainage and floodway easements. The city shall not be responsible for maintenance or operation of said creeks or drainage or for any damage or injury to private property or person that results from the flow of water along said creek or drainage, or for the control of erosion. Each property owner shall keep the natural drainage area channel and creek traversing the drainage and floodway easements adjacent to his property clean and free of debris, silt, growth, vegetation, weeds, rubbish, refuse, matter and any substance which would result in unsightly or unsanitary conditions or obstruct the flow of water. The city shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter upon the easements at any point or points with all rights of ingress and egress for the purpose of inspection and supervision of maintenance work by the property owner to alleviate any undesirable conditions which may occur. (Ord. No. 155. § 3. 5-21-73; Ord. No. 206. § 7, 4-21-75; Ord. No. 821, § 4, 8-10-82; Ord. No. 087-068, § 1, 10-13-87)

#### Sec. 10-25. Other properties.

The provisions of the preceding section shall apply to all other real properties occupied or unoccupied, except that the requirement of a ten (10) day official notification is met and fulfilled when the mayor or an authorized agent of the city has given ten 10) days's notice in writing at least one time in any calendar year to the person who is creating the nuisance by letter addressed to such person at his post office address, or by publication (wo (2) times within ten (10) consecutive days in the city's official paper. (Ord. No. 155, § 3, 5-21-73; Ord. No. 206, § 7, 4-21-75)

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## Sec. 10-26. Authority of city to abate nuisances.

a) If the owner of property in the city does not comply with each of the applicable requirements of the preceding sections 10-18 through 10-24 of this article within ten (10) days of notice of a violation, the city shall have the right, but not the obligation, to:

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- (1) Do the work or make the improvements required; and
- (2) Pay for the work done or improvements made and charge the expenses to the owner of the property.
- (b) The notice referred to in subsection (a) of this section must be given:
  - (1) Personally to the owner in writing;
  - (2) By letter addressed to the owner at the owner's post office address; or
  - (3) By publication at least twice within ten (10) consecutive days if personal service cannot be obtained or the owner's post office address is unknown.
- (c) Nothing herein shall be construed to place the burden of maintenance of any property or easements, as "easement" is defined in these provisions, including, but not limited to, drainage and floodway easements on the city.
- (d) This section shall be construed to conform to the requirements and provisions of the State Health and Safety Code, section 342.006.
- (e) The expenses to be charged to the owner of the property, as authorized by subsection (a)(2) of this section. shall include:
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  - (4) An administrative fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to cover the costs of identifying and notifying the owner of the property, and incidental expenses.
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  - (i) The lien is inferior only to:
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- (k) The statement of expenses or a certified copy of the statement is prima facie proof of the expenses incurred by the city in doing the work or making the improvements.
- (I) The remedies provided by this section shall be in addition to all other remedies available to the city. (Ord. No. 092-009, § 2, 1-28-92)

Editor's note—Section 1 of Ord. No. 092-009, adopted Jan. 28, 1992, repealed former § 10-26 and § 2 of the ordinance enacted a new § 10-26 in lieu thereof. The repealed provisions pertained to the authority of the city to abate nuisances and derived from Ord. No. 155. § 3, adopted May 21, 1973; Ord. No. 206, § 7, adopted April 21, 1975; Ord. No. 084-023, § 1, adopted April 10, 1984; and Ord. No. 087-68, § 2, adopted Oct. 13, 1987.

#### Sec. 10-27. Reserved.

Editor's note—Ord. No. 087-068. § 3. adopted Oct. 13, 1987, repealed § 10-27, relative to the duties of abutting property owners and occupants concerning the abatement of nuisances. The provisions of former § 10-27 derived from Ord. No. 206. § 8. adopted April 21, 1975.

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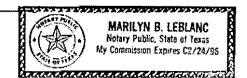
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the enjoyment of life or property uncomfortable or interferes with public peace and comfort, nor shall make or cause to be made any unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise in the city. This section shall not apply to noise associated with special events taking place within the city. The term "special events" shall means events which are authorized by, approved by, or sponsored in whole or in part by the city and which events may result in noise from fireworks, bands or sound systems, exhibiting aircraft, race cars or other noise-producing mechanisms. (Ord. No. 088-021, § 1, 5-10-88; Ord. No. 088-051, § 1, 11-8-88)

## Sec. 10-8. Same-Loading or unloading vehicles.

The creation of unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noises in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle is prohibited on any premises in a residential district or within a five hundred (500) foot radius from any area or property which is zoned for residential use except during the following days and times only:

Monday through Friday-7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturdays. Sundays and Holidays—10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (Ord. No. 088-021, § 1, 5-10-88; Ord. No. 090-024, § 1, 5-8-90)

Secs. 10-9-10-15. Reserved.

#### ARTICLE II. MAINTAINING NUISANCE\*

#### Sec. 10-16. Penalties generally.

The penalty provided for a violation of this Code shall be in addition to and cumulative of the provisions in this article for the abatement of nuisances and charging the cost of same against the owner of the premises by the city. (Ord. No. 206, § 12, 4-21-75)

<sup>\*</sup>Cross references—Animals and fowl, Ch. 4; housing, Ch. 7, solid waste, Ch.

State law reference-Sanitation and health protection, V.T.C.S., Art. 4477 I et seq.

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Sec. 10-17. Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the terms used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

General. Any words not defined in this section shall be construed in the context used and by ordinary interpretation and not as a word of art.

Animal or animals other than dogs shall mean any animal, other than dogs, which creates a health hazard or definite danger to the surrounding neighborhood.

Brush shall mean scrub vegetation or dense undergrowth.

Business zoning district means any zoning district designated by the comprehensive zoning ordinance of the Town of Addison as LR, C, I-1, I-2. I-3. Any PD district is also included in this list, unless specifically excluded by its provisions.

Carrion shall mean the dead and putrifying flesh of an animal, fowl or fish.

Filth shall mean any matter in a putrescent state.

Impure or unwholesome matter shall mean any putrescible or nonputrescible condition, object or matter which tends to, may or could produce injury, death or disease to human beings.

Matter shall mean that of which any physical object is composed.

Nonbusiness zoning district means any zoning district not designated as a business zoning district.

Nuisance shall include stagnant or unwholesome water, sinks, privies, filth, carrion, weeds, rubbish, brush and refuse, impure or unwholesome matter of any kind, objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary matter of whatever nature, litter or animal or animals other than dogs, as defined elsewhere in this section.

Objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary matter shall mean any matter, condition or object which is or should be objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary to a person of ordinary sensitivities.

Refuse shall mean heterogeneous accumulation of worn out, used up, broken, rejected or worthless materials.

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Rubbish shall mean trash, debris, rubble, stone, useless fragments of building material and other miscellaneous useless wastes or rejected matter.

Weeds shall mean grass, weeds or brush of a height in excess of twelve (12) inches, but not cultivated vegetation. (Ord. No. 206, § 1(a-1), 4-21-75; Ord. No. 088-027, § 1, 6-28-88)

State law reference—Definitions relating to minimum standards of sanitation and health protection, V.T.C.S., Art. 4477-1,  $\S$  1.

### Sec. 10-18. Unsightly weeds and vegetation-prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control over any real property located in a business zoning district, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city, to permit grass, weeds or brush to grow to a greater height than twelve (12) inches upon any real property. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control over any real property located in a nonbusiness zoning district, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city, to permit grass, weeds or brush to grow to a greater height than six (6) inches. In no event shall any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control over any real property located in any district, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city, permit objectionable or unsightly matter to remain upon said property. (Ord. No. 63, 6-9-64; Ord. No. 155, § 1, 5-21-73; Ord. No. 206, § 2, 4-21-75; Ord. No. 088-027, § 2, 6-28-88) State law reference-Authority for above section, V.T.C.S., Art. 4436.

# Sec. 10-19. Same—Removal and cutting of weeds, grass or plants.

It shall be the duty of any person, owner, agent, occupant or anyone having supervision or control of any lot, tract, parcel of land, or a portion thereof, occupied or unoccupied, within the city to take whatever action is necessary to remove, cut, eliminate, eradicate, control or cause to be removed, cut, eliminated, eradicated or controlled, all such grass, weeds or plants as often as may be necessary to comply with this article. (Ord. No. 821. § 1, 8-10-82; Ord. No. 088-027. § 3, 6-28-88)

### Sec. 10-20. Same-Removal or deposit of dirt, gravel, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or deposit dirt, gravel, earth or topsoil from any land situated within the city unless such person provides for proper drainage following the removal or deposit of such dirt, gravel, earth or topsoil. By the term "proper drainage," it is meant that the water drainage off such land shall not disturb the natural drainage so as to adversely affect city streets or adjoining property owners. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or deposit any such material unless he first secures a permit for such from the city. The owners of any private property where fill material is placed shall cause the same to be graded and leveled within thirty (30) days from the placement thereof. (Ord. No. 821, § 2, 8-10-82)

### Sec. 10-21. Zoning.

In areas zoned commercial or industrial under the zoning ordinance of the city, the requirements in sections 10-17—10-20 shall be applicable to areas within two hundred (200) feet from buildings and areas within two hundred (200) feet from property lines adjacent to the building on adjoining property owned by other persons, and within two hundred (200) feet of property zoned other than commercial or industrial under the zoning ordinance of the city. (Ord. No. 206, § 4, 4-21-75)

#### Sec. 10-22. Railroad rights-of-way.

The provisions of this article shall be applicable to all railroad rights-of-way. (Ord. No. 206, § 5, 4-21-75)

Cross reference-Motor vehicles and traffic, Ch. 9.

# Sec. 10-23. Accumulation of lumber, boxes, junk, wrecked automobiles, machinery, etc.

It is unlawful and declared a nuisance for any owner or occupant, tenant or lessee of any premises improved or unimproved on which evidence of rat infestation is found, or any lots or alleys adjacent to such property, to permit accumulation of any lumber, boxes, barrels, bricks, stones or any other character of materials that may be used as a harborage for rats, rodents or other vermin, unless same shall be placed on open racks and elevated not less than eighteen (18) inches above the ground, with a clear intervening space underneath; or any and all waste matter, whether reusable or not, which is offensive to the public health, safety or to the esthetics of the neighborhood, and is specifically intended to include, but not be limited to, worn out, wrecked and/or abandoned automobiles, trucks, tractors, machinery or any parts thereof, brick, stones, old iceboxes, refrigerators and stoves, to accumulate or remain on such lot or premises. (Ord. No. 206, § 6, 4-21-75; Ord. No. 821, § 1, 8-10-82)

State law reference-Authority for above section, V.T.C.S., Art. 4436.

# Sec. 10-24. Nuisance located upon easements; duties of abutting property owners and occupants.

For purposes of this section, the term "easement" shall mean a right, vested in the public generally or in the community as a whole, to use and enjoy the land of another person for a special. purpose. Such term shall include, but not be limited to, all drainage and floodway dedications or easements located within the corporate limits of the Town of Addison. In the event that a nuisance, as defined hereinabove at section 10-17, is found to exist upon any easement within the city, or in the event that any person, firm or corporation whose property is burdened by any easement within the city limits, fails to comply with the foregoing provision of this article, the city manager or his duly appointed representative may give a ten (10) day official notice to such person, firm or corporation which is creating such nuisance or is violating the terms of this article. If such person, firm or corporation fails or refuses to comply with the provision of sections 10-18 through 10-20 within the ten (10) days following notification, they shall be considered to be in violation and subject to a fine as provided in Chapter 1 of this Code. The provisions of this section shall apply only to the owner of the servient estate or the property burdened by the easement and shall not apply to the grantee or holder of such easement.

Property owners and occupants shall be jointly responsible for nuisances and abatement thereof under this article up to the curb or sidewalk, and between the curb and sidewalk, of the

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streets and to the pavement of alleys on abutting property they own or occupy. Existing drainage areas and creeks traversing drainage and floodway easements within the city shall remain as open channels (unless required to be enclosed by other ordinances) at all times and shall be maintained by the individual owners of the lot or lots that are traversed by or adjacent to the drainage and floodway easements. The city shall not be responsible for maintenance or operation of said creeks or drainage or for any damage or injury to private property or person that results from the flow of water along said creek or drainage, or for the control of erosion. Each property owner shall keep the natural drainage area channel and creek traversing the drainage and floodway easements adjacent to his property clean and free of debris, silt, growth, vegetation, weeds, rubbish, refuse, matter and any substance which would result in unsightly or unsanitary conditions or obstruct the flow of water. The city shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter upon the easements at any point or points with all rights of ingress and egress for the purpose of inspection and supervision of maintenance work by the property owner to alleviate any undesirable conditions which may occur. (Ord. No. 155, § 3. 5-21-73; Ord. No. 206, § 7, 4-21-75; Ord. No. 821, § 4, 8-10-82; Ord. No. 087-068, § 1, 10-13-87)

## Sec. 10-25. Other properties.

The provisions of the preceding section shall apply to all other real properties occupied or unoccupied, except that the requirement of a ten (10) day official notification is met and fulfilled when the mayor or an authorized agent of the city has given ten (10) days's notice in writing at least one time in any calendar year to the person who is creating the nuisance by letter addressed to such person at his post office address, or by publication (wo (2) times within ten (10) consecutive days in the city's official paper. (Ord. No. 155. § 3, 5-21-73; Ord. No. 206, § 7, 4-21-75)

State law reference-Authority for above section, V.T.C.S., Art. 4436.

### Sec. 10-26. Authority of city to abate nuisances.

a) If the owner of property in the city does not comply with each of the applicable requirements of the preceding sections 10-18 through 10-24 of this article within ten (10) days of notice of a violation, the city shall have the right, but not the obligation, to: Supp. No. 31 910

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September 23, 1993

Mr. John Baumgartner, P.E. Director of Public Works Town of Addison P. O. Box 144 Addison, TX 75001

> Kappler, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3831-A Kezoh, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3827-E

Dear John:

JAMES E. HENDERSON (1908-1991)

WILLIAM R. BRYANT (1919-1979)

JOSEPH W. WOLFE

RONALD H. CLARK

Enclosed are two original Affidavits for you, Lynn, and Robin. One is for the Kappler case and one is for the Kezoh case. I would appreciate it if you, Lynn, and Robin would review these Affidavits. If any changes are needed, or any blanks need to be filled in to make them absolutely correct, please call me. If they are correct, please sign them before a Notary and, where indicated, ask Carmen Moran to sign them.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Ronald H. Clark

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Enclosures:

Affidavit of John Baumgartner Affidavit of Lynn Chandler Affidavit of Robin Jones

cc: Kenneth Dippel

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Mr. Robin Jones Director of Streets Town of Addison P. O. Box 144 Addison, TX 75001

> Re: Kappler, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3831-A Kezoh, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3827-E

## Gentlemen:

This will confirm that we will be meeting with Plaintiff's attorney at the Service Center in Addison, at 1:30 p.m. on September 17, 1993. Lynn has told me that he will reserve the conference room for that time.

I would like to meet with you at 1:00 p.m., before our meeting with Mr. Walls, to-go over what will be discussed in the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Ron Whitehead

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September 3, 1993

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Re: Kappler, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3831-A Kezoh, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3827-E

#### Gentlemen:

I have spoken with Mr. William Walls who is Plaintiffs' trial attorney in both of these cases. He and Mr. Kessler have told me that they may be willing to dismiss the case if they can determine that the Town has no ownership or interest in the case. Mr. Walls suggested a meeting with Town representatives familiar with the property, the Town's records concerning the property, and what the Town's duties and responsibilities are.

I suggest that Mr. Baumgartner and Mr. Jones attend the meeting. Additionally, if there is any Town employee who was with the Town at the time these projects were constructed, and who can say that the culvert in question was not built by the Town, that would be helpful. When I met with Mr. Jones and Mr. Baumgartner, they indicated that the supervisors who were employed by the Town at that time had left. Perhaps there is someone who was not a supervisor.

If the only people available with first hand knowledge are exemployees, then we need to ask one of them to attend the meeting.

I would like to set up the meeting on September 9 or during the week of September 13. Trial in the Kapper case is set for November 29 and I would like to avoid the time and expense of preparing for trial. Mr. Ron Whitehead Mr. John Baumgartner Mr. Robin Jones September 3, 1993 Page 2

I would appreciate it if you would let me know as soon as possible whether you will be available for such a meeting, and who you suggest attend it in order to convince Plaintiffs that the Town has no ownership interest in the property, and was not involved in constructing the culvert.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Kenneth Dippel

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August 18, 1993

Mr. Ron Whitehead City Manager Town of Addison P. O. Box 144 Addison, TX 75001

Re: Shandra Kappler, et al v. Town of Addison, et al

Cause No. 93-3831-A

Dear Ron:

This case has been set for jury trial in the 14th District Court, Dallas, Texas, on November 29, 1993. All discovery is to be completed by October 4, 1993.

While we are trying to have the case dismissed, if it is not, it will be necessary for the Town to have a representative at the trial.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the case. I will keep you informed of further developments.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Kenneth Dippel
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July 26, 1993

Mr. John Baumgartner, P.E. Director of Public Works Town of Addison P. O. Box 144 Addison, TX 75001

Re: Kappler, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3831-A

Dear John:

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RICHARD E. HARRISON

Enclosed is a copy of Plaintiff's First Request for Production and a draft of answers and objections. I have listed the maps you provided me in response to Request No. 5.

I understand that you will be obtaining information from the tax records and from the utility department for us to include with this response. If there are any other documents the Town has, which you believe would be responsive to any of the questions, please let me know.

In order to meet the deadline for responding to this request, I plan to file the response August 13, 1993.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the case. I will keep you informed of further developments.

Very truly yours,

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Ronald H. Clark

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Enclosures: Plaintiffs First Request for Production of Defendant,

City of Addison

Answers and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Request

for Production of Defendant, City of Addison

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cc: Ron Whitehead

Kenneth Dippel

#### NO. 93-3831-A

SHANDRA KAPPLER, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE OF MATTHEW 3. BODEN. DECEASED Plaintiffs	() () () ()	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
VS.	( )	
MULTIVEST REAL ESTATE FUND, LTD.,	()	
SERIES V., DOING BUSINESS AS	( )	14th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
GREENHAVEN VILLAGE APARTMENTS, AND	()	
	()	
NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,	()	
DOING BUSINESS AS BROOKTREE	( )	
APARTMENTS, AND	( )	
	( )	
THE CITY OF ADDISON,	()	
Defendants	( )	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

# PLAINTIFFS FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DEFENDANT, CITY OF ADDISON

TO: The City of Addison, Defendant, by and through its attorney of record, Ronald H. Clark, Henderson Bryant & Wolfe, L.L.P., 123 Crockett, P.O. Box 340, Sherman, Texas 75091.

Plaintiffs, Shandra Kappler, individually, and on behalf of the estate of Matthew B. Roden, deceased, request Defendant, Town of Addison, to produce and permit inspection and copying of the documents described on the attached list of documents requested. Pursuant to T.R.C.P. 166(b), if Defendant does not have these records in their actual possession now, they are requested to obtain production of them from any governmental agency or third party from whom they have a right to compel production of said documents. Further, pursuant to T.R.C.P. 187, Plaintiff, Shandra Kappler, requests that the end named documents or copies thereof be made available at the offices of attorney for Plaintiff, Shandra Kappler, within thirty-one (31) days of the late of service of this request.

### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

PRODUCTION OF DEFENDANT, CITY OF ADDISON - Page 1 of 5

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by Certified Mail to Ronald H. Clark, attorney for Defendant, on this 177 day of July, 1993.

F. Steven Kessler

### DEFINITIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. As used herein, the terms "you", "yours", and "your" shall mean and include the Defendant, City of Addison.
- 2. As used herein, the words "and" and "or" shall be construed either conjunctively or disjunctively as required by the context to bring within the scope of this Request for Production any information that might be deemed outside their scope by another construction.
- 3. As used herein, all words used in their singular forms shall be deemed to include the words in their plural form.
- 4. As to any information which you refuse to provide on grounds of privilege, please state:
  - a. The subject matter of the information you claim is privileged;
  - b. By whom the information was generated or communicated;
  - c. The circumstances under which the information was generated or communicated;
  - d. To whom the information was generated or communicated;
  - e. Each and every other fact upon which you rely to support your claim of privilege.
- 5. As used herein, the term "documents" shall mean and include any method or means of saving, recording, transmitting or exchanging information, other than orally, and including without limitation, any letter, note, memorandum, drawing, map, plat, telegraph, telex, telecopies, cable, computer disc, photograph, film, movie, audio tape, video tape, or other electronic medium.
- 6. This Request For Production shall be deemed continuing in nature pursuant to Rule 166b of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure so as to require you to make supplemental responses under the provision of those rules.

### REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

- 1. Copies of any written or electronically recorded statement and transcription of any oral statement given by or taken from Plaintiffs which mentions, discusses, describes or relates to any of the events or claims described in Plaintiffs' Original Petition.
- 2. Copies of all models, movies, videotapes, charts, photographs, maps, drawings, and electronic recordings depicting or purporting to depict the scene of the death in question or any reconstruction of the death in question or any of the events leading up to the death in question.
- 3. Copies of any and all documents pertaining to, or connected with, the installation, maintenance, repair or replacement of the culvert described in Paragraph IV of Plaintiffs' Original Petition or the fence described in Paragraph V of Plaintiffs' Original Petition.
- 4. Copies of any and all documents pertaining to the ownership, right to possession of, or duty to maintain, of the property on which the accident in question occurred, described in Plaintiffs' Original Petition, including, but not limited to, deeds, contracts of sale, lease agreements, maps, plats, building plains, appraisals, and surveys.
- 5. Copies of all maps, plats, charts, surveys, and drawings showing all or any part of the property on which the accident occurred as described in Plaintiffs' Original Petition.
- 6. Copy of any and all photographs, videotapes, movies, models, written reports, statements, transcriptions, electronically recorded statements, charts, maps, drawings, notes, calculations, computer printouts, and other documents, read or reviewed by any expert witness you may call as a witness at trail, or provided to any expert witness you may call at trial, in connection with, or in preparation for, this case.
- 7. Copies of any and all photographs, videotapes, movies, models, written reports, statements, transcriptions, electronically recorded statements, charts, maps, drawings, notes, calculations, and computer printouts, and other documents sent to you or your afterney by any expert you may call as an expert witness at trial, in connection with, or in preparation for, this case.
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recorded statements, charts, maps, drawings, notes, calculations, computer printouts, and other documents, any expert witness you may call at trial, has prepared, or has had prepared by another individual or computer, in connection with forming any theory, opinion, or conclusion in this case, or in connection with rejecting any theory, opinion, or conclusion in this case.

- 10. Copies of all photographs, videotapes, movies, models, written reports, statements, transcriptions, electronically recorded statements, charts, maps, drawings, notes, calculations, computer printouts, and other documents prepared by any expert witness who may not be called as a witness at trial, but whose opinions or impressions have been reviewed by any lostifying expert you may call at trial.
- 11. Copy of each chart, table and graph contained in any publication of the United States Government or any of its subdivisions, reviewed by any expert you may call as an expert witness, in formulating or rejecting any opinion conclusion or theory concerning this case, and for each such chart, table or graph, a copy of the title page giving the date of publication of each such Government publication.
- 12. Copy of each published chart, table and graph contained in any publication reviewed by any expert you may call as an expert witness, in formulating or rejecting any opinion, conclusion, or theory concerning this case, and for each such chart, table or graph, a copy of the title page giving the date of publication of each such publication.
- 13. Copy of the current resume or curriculum vitae, of each expert witness you may call at trial, including a list of all publications authored or co-authored by each expert vitness you may call at trial.
- 14. Copies of photographs, videotapes, movies, vritten reports, statements, transcriptions, electronically recorded statements, charts, maps, drawings, notes, calculations, computer printouts, and models, used by any expert witnesses you may call at trial, or any of their associates or employees, to explain the cause of the accident in question or any of the events leading up to the cause of accident in question or any of their opinions as to what any person involved in the accident did that contributed to the accident or could have done to avoid the accident.
- 15. Copies of all memoranda, notes, letters and other documents received from any expert you may call at trial, or sent to any expert you may call at trial concerning the employment of the expert, questions asked of the expert, opinions held by the expert, the rates to be charged by the expert, billing by the expert, requests for payment or invoices from the expert and/or payments made to the expert in connection with this case.

### CAUSE NO. 93-3831-A

SHANDRA KAPPLER, INDIVIDUALLY
AND ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE

MATHEW B. RODEN, DECEASED

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V. \*\* IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

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MULTIVEST REAL ESTATE FUND, \*\*

LTD., SERIES V., DOING BUSINESS \*\*

AS GREENHAVEN VILLAGE APARTMENTS, \*\*

AND \*\*

14TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, \*\*

DOING BUSINESS AS BROOKTREE \*\*

APARTMENTS, AND \*\*

THE TOWN OF ADDISON \*\*

# ANSWERS AND OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DEFENDANT, CITY OF ADDISON

TO: SHANDRA KAPPLER, INDIVIDUALLY, AND ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE OF MATHEW B. RODEN, DECEASED, by and through their attorney 6 record, F. Steven Kessler, Kessler & Korby, 8300 Douglas, #800, Dallas, TX 75225.

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, Defendant in the above entitled and numbered cause, hereby answers Plaintiffs' First Request for Production of Defendant, City of Addison served on its attorney of record, Ronald H. Clark, by Plaintiffs, as set forth on the Request for Production attached and incorporated herein. You are requested to notify Defendant's attorney if you intend to contest any objection.

Respectfully submitted,

HENDERSON BRYANT & WOLFE 123 N. Crockett P.O. Box 340 Sherman, TX 75091 (903) 893-9421 (903) 892-2397 (FAX)

Ву	:			
_		Ronald H.	Clark	
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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the	he
attached Answers and Objections to Request for Production	of
Defendant, City of Addison was mailed, certified, return receip	рt
requested, to Mr. F. Steven Kessler, attorney for Plaintiffs,	on
this day of, 1993.	
Ronald H. Clark	

### ATTACHED SHEET TO ANSWERS AND OBJECTIONS TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:

Notes were taken concerning three statements made by Shandra Kappler to police. See attached.

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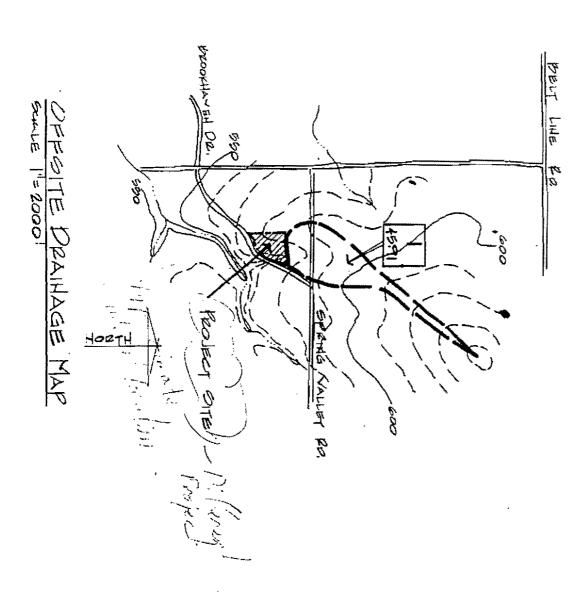
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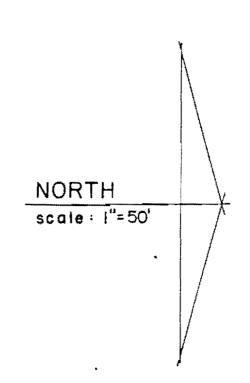


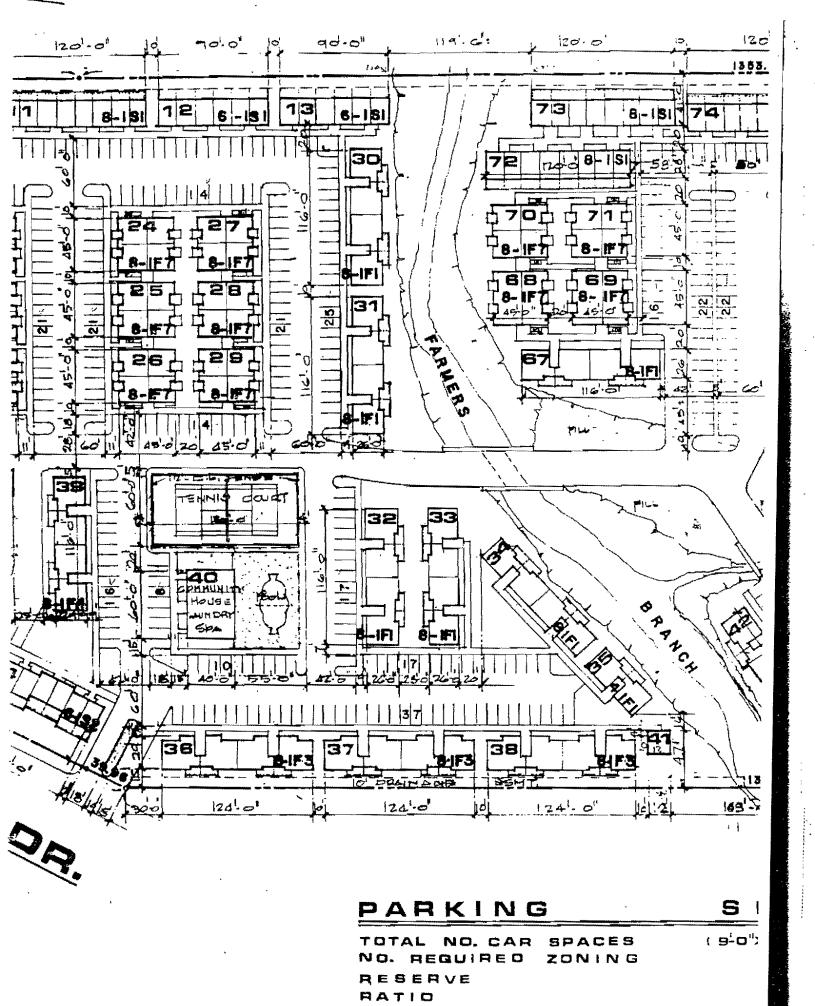




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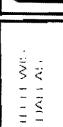


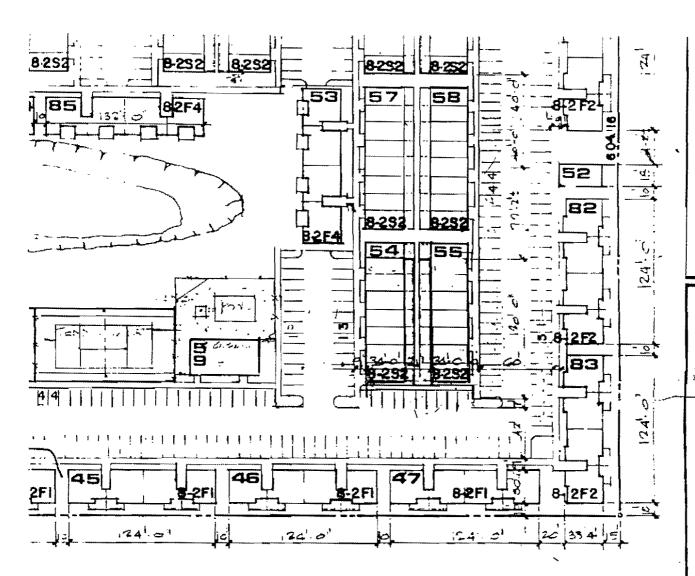
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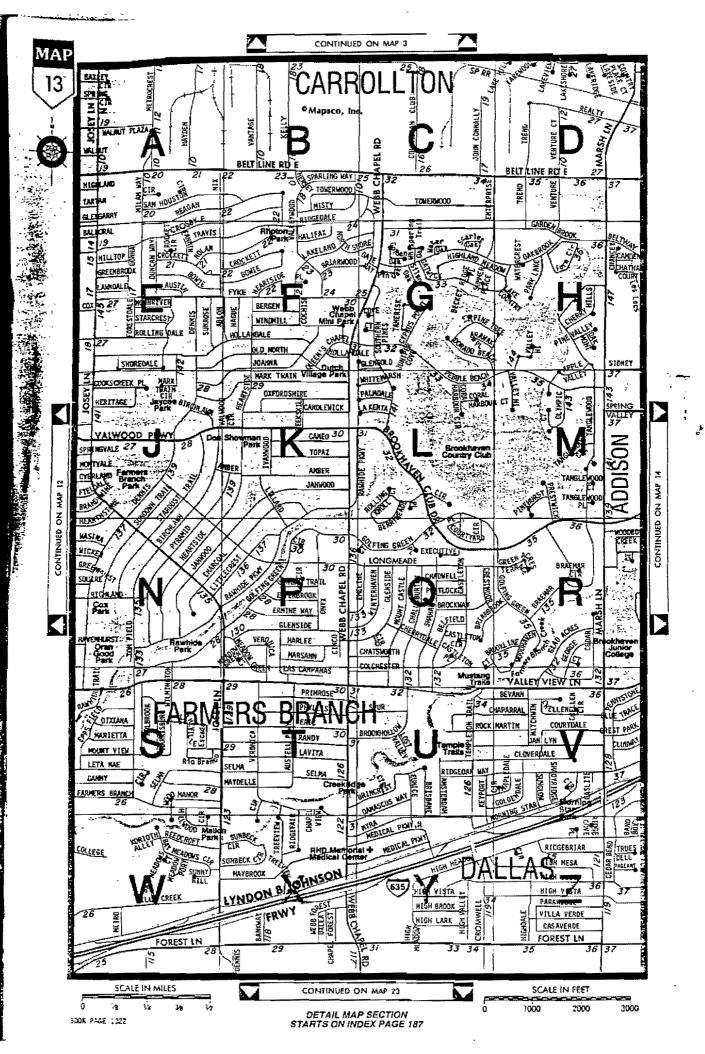


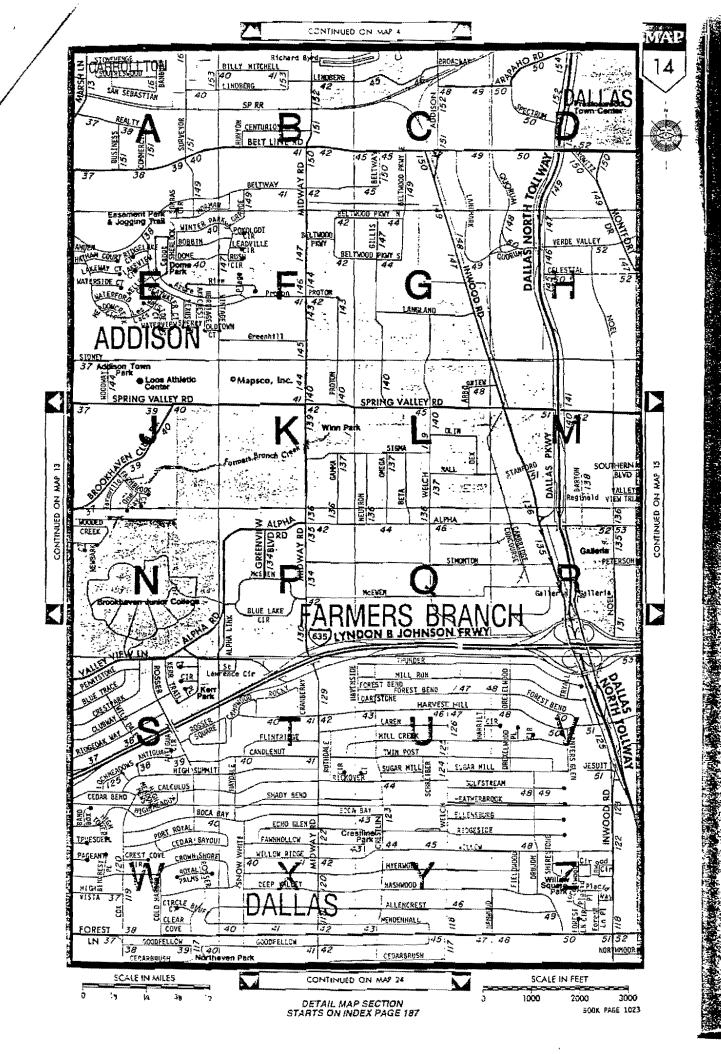




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July 26, 1993

Mr. John Baumgartner, P.E. Director of Public Works Town of Addison P. O. Box 144 Addison, TX 75001

Kezoh, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3827-E

Dear John:

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Enclosed is a copy of Plaintiff's First Request for Production and a draft of answers and objections. I have listed the maps you provided me in response to Request No. 5.

I understand that you will be obtaining information from the tax records and from the utility department for us to include with this response. If there are any other documents the Town has, which you believe would be responsive to any of the questions, please let me know.

In order to meet the deadline for responding to this request, I plan to file the response August 13, 1993.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the case. I will keep you informed of further developments.

Very truly yours,

RMW/Clark

Ronald H. Clark

RHC/smw

Enclosures: Plaintiffs First Request for Production of Defendant,

City of Addison

Answers and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Request

for Production of Defendant, City of Addison

(DRAFT)

cc: Ron Whitehead

Kenneth Dippel

### NO. 93-03827-E

PAUL B. KEZOH AND JOSEPHINE KEZOH, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL B. KEZOHMAN, JR., DECEASED	()	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
Plaintiffs	()	
VS.	()	
MULTIVEST REAL ESTATE FUND, LTD.,	()	
SERIES V., DOING BUSINESS AS	( )	101st DISTRICT COURT
GREENHAVEN VILLAGE APARTMENTS, AND	( )	
	( )	
BROOKLAKE LTD., DOING BUSINESS	( )	
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LTD., AND JERRY D. SHIPLEY,	( )	
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A PARTNER	( )	
OF BROOKLAKE LTD., AND	( )	
	( )	
THE CITY OF ADDISON,	( )	
Defendants	( )	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

### PLAINTIFFS' FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DEFENDANT, CITY OF ADDISON

TO: The City of Addison, Defendant, by and through its attorney of record, Ronald H. Clark, Henderson Bryant & Wolfe, L.L.P., 123 Crockett, P.O. Box 340, Sherman, Texas 75091.

Plaintiffs', Paul B. Kezoh and Josephine Kezoh, individually, and on behalf of the estate of Paul B. Kezohman, Jr., deceased, request Defendant, City of Addison, to produce and permit inspection and copying of the documents described on the attached list of documents requested. Pursuant to T.R.C.P. 166(b), if Defendant does not have these records in their actual possession now, they are requested to obtain production of them from any governmental agency or third party from whom they have a right to compel production of said documents. Further, pursuant to T.R.C.P. 167, Plaintiffs, Paul B. Kezoh and Josephine Kezoh, request that the end named documents or copies thereof be made available at the offices of attorney for Plaintiffs, Paul B. Kezoh and Josephine Kezoh, within thirty-one (31) days of the date of service of this request.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

F. Steven Kessler Ressler & Korby, P.C. 8300 Douglas, #800 Dallas, Texas 75225 Texas Bar No. 11358150

(214) 369-5278

(214) 361-5157 (Fax)

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by Certified Mail to Ronald H. Clark, attorney for Defendant, on this 19th day of July, 1993.

### DEFINITIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. As used herein, the terms "you", "yours", and "your" shall mean and include the Defendant, City of Addison.
- 2. As used herein, the words "and" and "or" shall be construed either conjunctively or disjunctively as required by the context to bring within the scope of this Request for Production any information that might be deemed outside their scope by another construction.
- 3. As used herein, all words used in their singular forms shall be deemed to include the words in their plural form.
- 4. As to any information which you refuse to provide on grounds of privilege, please state:
  - a. The subject matter of the information you claim is privileged;
  - b. By whom the information was generated or communicated;
  - The circumstances under which the information was generated or communicated;
  - d. To whom the information was generated or communicated;
  - e. Each and every other fact upon which you rely to support your claim of privilege.
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### REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

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#### CAUSE NO. 93-3827-E

PAUL B. KEZOH AND JOSEPHINE KEZOH, \*
INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF \*
THE ESTATE OF PAUL B. KEZOHMAN, \*
JR., DECEASED \*

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DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

101ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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AS A PARTNER OF BROOKLAKE LTD.,

and JERRY D. SHIPLEY, INDIVIDUALLY

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AND AS A PARTNER OF BROOKLAKE LTD.
AND

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THE TOWN OF ADDISON

v.

# ANSWERS AND OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DEFENDANT, CITY OF ADDISON

TO: PAUL B. KEZOH, INDIVIDUALLY, AND ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL B.KEZOHMAN, JR., DECEASED, by and through their attorney of record, F. Steven Kessler, Kessler & Korby, 8300 Douglas, #800, Dallas, TX 75225.

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, Defendant in the above entitled and numbered cause, hereby answers Plaintiffs' First Request for Production of Defendant, City of Addison served on its attorney of record, Ronald H. Clark, by Plaintiffs, as set forth on the Request for Production attached and incorporated herein. You are requested to notify Defendant's attorney if you intend to contest any objection.

Respectfully submitted,

HENDERSON BRYANT & WOLFE 123 N. Crockett P.O. Box 340 Sherman, TX 75091 (903) 893-9421 (903) 892-2397 (FAX)

Draft

Ronald H. Clark SBN 04298100

By:

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10:00 A.M.

MET WITH PAUL KEZOH, THE FATHER OF THE DROWNING VICTIM OF LAST YEAR. KEZOH STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED OF SHAUNA PUSHING HIS SON INTO THE CREEK, AND HE DID CONTACT ADDISON POLICE DEPT. AND ASKED THEM TO INVESTIGATE THIS CLAIM. HOWEVER, HE HAD NOT FOUND AND EVIDENCE OF THIS CLAIM ON HIS OWN. INVEST. COLLINS HAD ALSO BEEN CONTACTED BY KEZOH"S ATTORNEY AND LEARNED THAT THERE WAS A LAW SUIT IN PROGRESS FILED AGAINST GREENHAVEN VILLAGE APARTMENTS.

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### CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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Post Office Box 144 Addison, Texas 75001

16801 Westgrove

July 15, 1993

Ronald H. Clark Henderson Bryant & Wolfe, L.L.P. P.O. Box 340 Sherman, Tx 75091-0340

RE: Kappler, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3831-A

Kezoh, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3827-E

### Dear Ron:

I have researched the City's building/subdivision records and find them inconclusive regarding this case. The following summarizes the information I have been able to obtain:

- 1. The property is not currently platted.
- 2. I was not able to locate construction plans detailing the installation of the storm sewer in question. There are not any records to indicate that this was a public improvement.
- 3. The plans on file indicate a drainage easement was dedicated but there is no recording information and it was not processed through the Council.
- 4. Current ordinances require the property owner to maintain drainage easements on their property.
- 5. A copy of the building permit does not exist in our files. The plans we have indicate that this project was constructed in 1974 or 1975.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Baumgartner, P.E. Director of Public Works

JRB/jas

attachments

cc: Ken Dippel (no attachments)
Ron Whitehead (no attachments)

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June 22, 1993

Mr. John Baumgartner, P.E. Director of Public Works Town of Addison P. O. Box 144 Addison, TX 75001

Re: Kappler, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3831-A Kezoh, et al v. Addison, et al, Cause No. 93-3827-E

Dear John:

When we met on May 4, 1993, we discussed the need to obtain all possible plats, maps, construction plans, permits, and other documents establishing when the apartment complex was built, who built it, and when the culvert was installed. If we can demonstrate to Plaintiffs' satisfaction that the City does not own the property in question, and is not legally responsible for maintaining or safeguarding the property, it may be possible to have the City dismissed before the City uses up its deductible on each case in costs and legal fees.

If no such documents exist in the City files, and cannot be located, please let me know. Otherwise, I would appreciate receiving copies at your earliest convenience.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the case.

Very truly yours,

RANGEN Clark

Ronald H. Clark

RHC/smw

cc: Mr. Kenneth Dippel

Mr. Ron Whitehead

NEW FILE:

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June 7, 1993

Mr. Ron Whitehead City Manager Town of Addison P. O. Box 144 Addison, TX 75001

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Re: Shandra Kappler, et al v. Town of Addison, et al

Cause No. 93-3831-A

Dear Ron:

The Judge has entered a Scheduling Order in this case requiring completion of discovery by October 4, 1993, mediation no later than November 15, 1993, and a jury trial on November 29, 1993.

I am working to have the Town of Addison dismissed without the necessity of extensive discovery, mediation, and trial. Mr. Baumgartner is working to locate all City documents, maps, and plats concerning the property so that we can show that the City has no ownership interest or other responsibility for the property.

In the event that we cannot have the case dismissed, it will be necessary for a representative of the City to attend the trial beginning November 29, 1993. It will also be necessary for Mr. Baumgartner, other City staff, and police investigators to testify.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the case. I will keep you informed of further developments.

Very truly yours,

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RHC/smw

cc: Kenneth Dippel
John Baumgartner

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Dear John:

Have you been able to locate any City plats, maps, building permits, or other documents establishing when the apartment complex was built, who built it, and when the culvert was installed? Are there any documents indicating that the City has anything to do with the fence, or, even better, that the City is not responsible for the failure to erect a fence? Finally, any documents which establish that the property is not owned by the City, or is owned by private parties would be helpful.

If we can clearly establish that the City has no ownership or responsibility for this property, Plaintiffs may be willing to let us out of the suits before we spend a great deal of time and expense defending them. If they do not, the Courts may be willing to grant summary judgment if we can establish our position clearly enough.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the case.

Very truly yours,

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Ronald H. Clark

RHC/smw

cc: Mr. Kenneth Dippel

Mr. Ron Whitehead