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**DEVIATION REVIEW  
AND DECISION FORM**

Procedure # R-FM-051-07  
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**General Property Information:**

Address of Subject Property (Street Number/Name): 12015 Tourmaline Drive  
Tax Schedule ID(s) #:4230318001  
Legal Description of Property: Tract F Meridian Ranch Filing No. 4

Subdivision or Project Name: Meridian  
Ranch Commercial

Section of ECM from Which Deviation is Sought: 2.2.5.C. Urban Minor Arterial Access Criteria  
Specific Criteria from Which a Deviation is Sought: From the ECM: "Spacing of roads accessing an urban minor arterial that will result in a full movement intersection shall be planned at one-quarter mile. However, one parcel access shall be granted to each existing lot, if it does not create safety or operational problems. The parcel access will provide for right turns only. The access may allow for left turns in (three-quarters movement) if the addition of left turns will improve the operation at an adjacent full movement intersection and meet appropriate design standards."

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**Applicant Information:**

Applicant: Meridian Ranch Investments, Inc. Email Address: Raul Guzman [raul@techbilt.com]  
Applicant is:  Owner  Consultant  Contractor  
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**Engineer Information:**

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**Explanation of Request (Attached diagrams, figures and other documentation to clarify request):**

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in-only access point.

Reason for the Requested Deviation: The deviation is requested to provide sufficient access for the proposed commercial/shopping center use on the property. The access would provide a direct access to Meridian Road into the center. The access would connect directly to the internal access drives with the center providing convenient access to commercial establishments northeast and southeast of the access intersection as well as the remainder of the center. The access drive connected to this access point would be central to the commercial uses along the Meridian Road frontage and would be a key part of the commercial center circulation. The access would provide much improved access for northbound traffic on Meridian over indirect access via Tourmaline Drive only. The right-out capability/component of this access previously requested is no longer being requested - only the right-in movement.

Comparison of Proposed Deviation to ECM Standard: The spacing would be 700 feet from Stapleton Drive and 550 feet from Tourmaline Drive whereas the ECM standard is a quarter-mile. The one-access-per-parcel (with conditions) provision in the ECM listed above would apply in this situation. The parcel has over 1,100 feet of frontage on Meridian Road.

Applicable Regional or National Standards used as Basis: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Consideration:**

**CHECK IF APPLICATION MEETS CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION**

**JUSTIFICATION**

The ECM standard is inapplicable to a particular situation.

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Topography, right-of-way, or other geographical conditions or impediments impose an undue hardship on the applicant, and an equivalent alternative that can accomplish the same design objective is available and does not compromise public safety or accessibility.

The street system around this site is already established and the location of Meridian Road/Tourmaline Drive was set as right-in/right-out with the initial development when Meridian Road was envisioned as a higher classification roadway. The additional access to Meridian between Meridian and Tourmaline is needed to create a much improved access situation for the planned retail/commercial center. The classification of Meridian Road has been changed to Minor Arterial with the most recent MTCP, therefore the additional right-in-only commercial access is reasonable and will improve circulation, accessibility and viability of the center. The parcel is master-planned for commercial. Reliance on only the Tourmaline Drive connection to Meridian Road will be less than optimal as Tourmaline is at the rear of the center. A continuous right turn-lane exists along Meridian Road.

A change to a standard is required to address a specific design or construction problem, and if not modified, the standard will impose an undue hardship on the applicant with little or no material benefit to the public.

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**If at least one of the criteria listed above is not met, this application for deviation cannot be considered.**

**Criteria for Approval:**

**PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BY THIS REQUEST**

The request for a deviation is not based exclusively on financial considerations. The request is based on the need for a direct access to Meridian Road. Moreover, the ECM has a provision for this type of additional access with a deviation.

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The deviation will achieve the intended result with a comparable or superior design and quality of improvement.  
The deviation will not adversely affect safety or operations.

The deviation would achieve the intended result of providing better access with comparable design containing a continuous right-turn lane along Meridian Road.

Traffic will only turn off northbound Meridian Road with this proposed access. No traffic will enter the roadway at this point as it is now proposed as a right-in-only access. Please refer to the traffic study for the turning volumes and lane configuration. Sufficient northbound right-turn deceleration length would be provided for this access with the existing continuous right turn lane.

The deviation will not adversely affect maintenance and its associated cost.

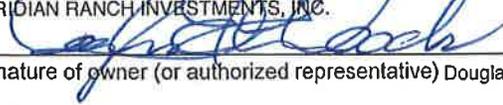
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The deviation will not adversely affect aesthetic appearance.

N/A

**Owner, Applicant and Engineer Declaration:**

To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application and all additional or supplemental documentation is true, factual and complete. I am fully aware that any misrepresentation of any information on this application may be grounds for denial. I have familiarized myself with the rules, regulations and procedures with respect to preparing and filing this application. I also understand that an incorrect submittal will be cause to have the project removed from the agenda of the Planning Commission, Board of County Commissioners and/or Board of Adjustment or delay review, and that any approval of this application is based on the representations made in the application and may be revoked on any breach of representation or condition(s) of approval.  
MERIDIAN RANCH INVESTMENTS, INC.

  
Signature of owner (or authorized representative) Douglas E. Woods, Vice President Date July 14, 2014

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Signature of applicant (if different from owner) Date

  
Signature of Engineer Date 7/11/14

Engineer's Seal



**Review and Recommendation:**

APPROVED by the ECM Administrator

  
Date 7-29-14

This request has been determined to have met the criteria for approval. A deviation from Section \_\_\_\_\_ of ECM is hereby granted based on the justification provided. Comments:

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\_\_\_\_ Additional comments or information are attached.

**DENIED by the ECM Administrator**

\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
This request has been determined not to have met criteria for approval. A deviation from Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ of ECM is hereby denied. Comments:

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