

RANCHO ISABELLA JOINT VENTURE  
P. O. BOX 1639  
ANGLETON, TEXAS 77516

February 8, 2008

City of Angleton  
Mr. Greg Smith, City Manager  
121 South Velasco  
Angleton, Texas 77515

Mr. Smith,

In August of 2002 Rancho Isabella JV requested that they be allowed to drill an oil and gas well at a location as described on the following pages. On September 17, 2002 the City of Angleton gave our Joint Venture approval to proceed with this endeavor. The well was drilled and was not completed.

Another drilling company recently looked over the well logs and has told us that they can complete this well And make a very good producer at this same location. We are asking the City of Angleton to grant us the right to proceed on this attempt to complete this oil and gas well. This new company wants to start immediately.



Rancho Isabella Joint Venture  
Paul O'Farrell, Trustee



February 22, 2008

Mr. Greg Smith, City Manager  
City of Angleton  
121 South Velasco  
Angleton, TX 66515

Dear Mr. Smith:

Fortune Operating Company requests the City of Angleton's approval to drill an oil & gas well. The location of the proposed well is the same location of the Moody Oil Trust No. 2/Houston No.1 Well a/k/a the Paul O'Farrell location (south side of Highway 523 approximately 1000 feet west of State Hwy. 288B). This is also the same location upon which Mr. Paul O'Farrell recently requested that the City of Angleton allow drilling to take place. Please note that Fortune Operating Company will carry adequate insurance for its operations in drilling the well, and will carry such additional insurance as required by the City of Angleton.

Thanks for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Russell L. Vera  
President

cc: Mr. Paul O'Farrell

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Secs. 16-1—16-15. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE II. EXPLORATION AND MINING\***

**Sec. 16-16. Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company or corporation to drill for oil, gas, sulphur or other minerals of any kind within the city limits. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company or corporation to conduct refining, quarrying and any other kind of mining operation within the city limits.  
(Code 1965, § 8A-1)

**Sec. 16-17. Derricks, structures for use in drilling, prohibited.**

No derrick or other structure designed for use in drilling for oil, gas, sulphur or other minerals shall be erected, maintained or permitted in the city limits, except when such derrick or other structure shall be in transit.  
(Code 1965, § 8A-2)

**Sec. 16-18. Proceedings to restrain or enjoin violation, recover damages therefor.**

In addition to the penalty imposed for violation of this chapter, the city reserves the right, in the event the provisions of section 16-16 or section 16-17 of this chapter are violated in whole or in part by any person, firm, company or corporation,

**Sec. 16-19. Variance from drilling prohibition.**

The city council may grant a variance from section 16-16 and 16-17 if it finds that it is unlikely that the proposed drilling will negatively impact the health, safety or welfare of the residents of the city, or any adjacent development or infrastructure in the city. In deliberating on such a request the council shall take into consideration: the size of the tract on which the proposed drilling will occur; the location of the drilling site; the location of adjacent property, development and infrastructure; the depth of the proposed well; and any other factor or information the city council finds relevant and material.

The city council shall place a time limitation on the variance of a period of months, not to exceed 12 months. Said variance may be revoked at any time the city council determines that the drilling or well operations which occur as a result of granting said variance constitute a danger to the health, safety or welfare to the citizens of the city or their property, or the property or infrastructure of the city.

Any person seeking a variance under the terms of this ordinance shall pay a non-refundable variance application fee of \$150.00, and submit any supporting information requested by the city administrator with his application at least ten days prior to the date the variance application will be placed on the city council agenda.  
(Ord. No. 2003-O-9D, § II, 9-17-02)