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Mr. Ken Gordon, President
Cramer Mountain Homeowners Association

Dear Mr. Gordon,

I hope that this letter finds you doing well. I appreciate you taking the time to speak with me by telephone today concerning NC House Bill 976 that was approved by the General Assembly on August 28, 2007 and becomes effective December 1, 2007. As we discussed, I am writing to request that the new rules contained in House Bill 976 be forwarded to the residents of Cramer Mountain through postings and newsletters if possible.

Under NC Motor Vehicle Law the roads within the Cramer Mountain neighborhood have always been defined as private roads. This year NC House Bill 976 redefined a public vehicular area in NC to include "the area is a road used by vehicular traffic within or leading to a gated or non-gated subdivision or community, whether or not the subdivision or community roads have been offered for dedication to the public." The roads within the Cramer Mountain neighborhood will fall within this public vehicular area definition for motor vehicle purposes beginning December 1, 2007, although they will remain private for other purposes.

This change will allow the enforcement of a select number of NC Motor Vehicle Statutes that have not been previously enforceable within the neighborhood. These statutes may be enforced by our officers while on routine patrol, while investigating traffic incidents, etc. As this enforcement is new to the community I think it would be best to make an effort to educate as many residents as possible of these changes before December 1.

I am enclosing a copy of NC House Bill 976 as well as a copy of the NC Motor Vehicle Statutes that apply on a public vehicular area. If I can answer any questions for you concerning this new bill or perhaps attend any community meetings to speak on the issue, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Greg Ratchford
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