



Date: May 22, 2012

To: Rebecca Lu and Shuhua Xiang
2837 Alice Ct
Fremont, CA 94539

Requestor: n/a
Discretionary Rev: PLN2011-00025
Permitting File#: BLD2011-03969
SP#: 90-0026
APN#: 513 074600300
Zip Code: 94539
Fire ESZ | Box/S-Dist: 04 – 505 | 4-3 / 92A7
Address For: Residence

Re: Address change request – 44513 Vista Grande Court

To Whom It May Concern:

We have reviewed your request to change the address number for your property (i.e., 44513 Vista Grande Court) to a number not ending in “13”. Our understanding is that you are making this request because you associate the number “13” with bad luck. We recognize this request to be based upon a cultural preference.

Fremont's long standing business practice and policy is to assign addresses based on how the numbers best serve emergency response services. To meet this objective, it means making sure that address numbers are in a logical and sequential pattern, are based on proportional spacing and are as unique as possible within the development. An assigned address is only changed if the address was issued in error, poses a public safety risk or if the front door location is moved.

The address of 44513 Vista Grande Court was issued as the property address for your property in 2004. If we changed this address as requested, it would be in violation of Municipal Code Section 7-5105 of Title VII Building Regulations - Chapter 5 House Numbering, Title VII Building Regulations. The revised address would be out of proportional sequence to the adjacent properties and to the entire development. In addition, it would not allow for addressing of potential secondary dwelling units for your property or the adjacent property.

The City of Fremont prides itself in providing a host of quality services. Among those are Police and Fire rescue services. If we allowed changes to an otherwise orderly system, we would be contributing to unnecessary delay and confusion during emergencies. In addition to our own needs, we must consider those of the Post Office, Alameda County Assessor, Alameda County Registrar of Voters, Alameda County Water District, Pacific Gas and Electric, AT&T's Engineering Division, as well as its Rate and Boundary Division, Allied Waste Industries, Union Sanitary District, the City of Fremont's Building Inspection Division and its Revenue and Taxation Division, including other services expecting to find addresses in a logical order. Each of these agencies/departments is notified every time there is an address change and they must update their records. This is not a task that is taken lightly or considered minor.


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We regret that we cannot fulfill your request to make the numeric change to the address for your property. Fremont is comprised of a very diverse population and if we attempted to accommodate every request, we would very quickly deplete the numbers from which to select for addressing purposes. In addition, we may be creating the perception that we are only a specific cultural group. We are hopeful that you understand that the City would be setting a precedent if we satisfied even one individual request for an address change based on cultural or other preferences.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ruby Wun at (phone) 510-494-4833 or (e-mail) rwun@fremont.gov.

Sincerely,



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GIS and Addressing Manager

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