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**Re: Proposed Red Bank Road Master Plan
Lawsuits and Complaints Involving D.R. Horton, Inc.**

Honorable Mayor and Aldermen and Planning Commissioners:

I write on behalf of concerned citizens of Sevierville to provide critical information about D.R. Horton, Inc., the developer now petitioning for rezoning approvals on Red Bank Road in Sevierville. While D.R. Horton advertises itself as “America’s Builder,” its track record tells a different story.¹ Across the country, homeowners have described their D.R. Horton houses as “time bombs” and even “houses from hell.”² These are not isolated anecdotes — they reflect a pattern of litigation and consumer complaints spanning multiple states.³

Class Action Litigation

- In **Louisiana**, a class action lawsuit alleges that D.R. Horton homes suffer from systemic defects: “Excessive moisture and humidity... rampant mold and mildew growth,” “ineffective HVAC systems,” and “structural defects... unsuitable for Louisiana’s climate.” The suit goes further, accusing D.R. Horton of negligence, fraud, misrepresentation, breach of contract, and personal injuries in connection with its construction practices.⁴

¹ <https://hntrbrk.com/homebuilders/>

² <https://www.kplctv.com/2024/07/19/complaints-mount-through-nation-against-dr-horton-house-hell/>;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUFBK-kQO6k>;

³ <https://www.drhortonsucks.net/home>

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0KCmBxAUXc>; <https://www.klfy.com/louisiana/d-r-horton-class-action-case-moves-forward-in-district-court/>

- In **South Carolina**, entire subdivisions are in litigation. A Dorchester County class action involving more than 200 homes alleges “*numerous instances of water intrusion*” and “*failure to supervise subcontractors*.” In Easley, SC, a \$16 million settlement resolved claims of defective foundations, siding, windows, and framing.⁵

Litigation Against Local Governments

Not only does D.R. Horton leave homeowners burdened, but it also turns its legal firepower against municipalities themselves. In Rockwall County, Texas, the company sued the county after officials required developers to share in the cost of infrastructure — including roads, policing, and schools — needed to support thousands of new homes.⁶ Local officials described Horton’s project as an attempt to “drop a city out of the sky” and warned that if Horton prevails, counties across Texas will lose vital authority to regulate growth and protect taxpayers. As Rockwall’s County Judge put it: “It’s a little bit frustrating that we have the largest builder in Texas suing the smallest county in Texas.” This case demonstrates that D.R. Horton is not only a risk to individual homeowners but also a direct adversary to local governments trying to ensure responsible development.

The Pattern Is Clear

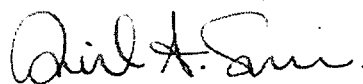
Across Louisiana, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Nevada, Arizona, and beyond, D.R. Horton homeowners report the same issues: unsafe conditions, water intrusion, defective workmanship, and an unresponsive builder. Many communities claim they have been left with multi-million-dollar repair bills, diminished property values, and health hazards from mold and structural failures.

Sevierville Deserves Better

Granting this rezoning to allow DR Horton to move forward with this development would open the door for Sevierville residents to face the same nightmare endured by families in other states. D.R. Horton has shown, time and again, that it prioritizes speed and profit over quality, safety, and accountability.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Board to deny D.R. Horton’s rezoning request.

Very truly yours,



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⁵ <https://www.wvlt.tv/video/2024/05/10/video-lawsuits-customer-complaints-surround-dr-horton-builds-lowcountry/>; <https://www.walb.com/video/2024/07/18/video-complaints-mount-through-nation-against-americas-builder-dr-horton-3/>

⁶ <https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/special-reports/boomtown-dfw/lawsuit-rockwall-county-dr-horton-statewide-growth-implications/287-1579262b-138a-4692-927a-bb92982bff52>