



To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

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RE: Plain Beautiful Short Plat SP-10-00012

Dear Mr. Watson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Plain Beautiful Short Plat, SP-10-00012.

Plat Note Statement:

The final plat notes shall include the following statement:

"The approval of this division of land includes no guarantee that there is a legal right to withdraw groundwater within the land division. The approval of this division of land provides no guarantee that use of water under the ground water exemption (RCW 90.44.050) for this plat or any portion thereof will not be subject to curtailment by the Department of Ecology or a court of law. "

AND in Upper Kittitas County Only (as defined in 173-539A WAC):

"Metering will be required on all new residential well connections and metering results shall be recorded in a manner consistent with Kittitas County and Washington State Department of Ecology requirements."

Adequate Potable Water Supply Statement:

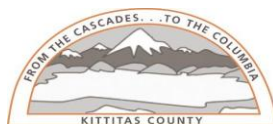
In addition to the requirements outlined below, if in Upper Kittitas County a water budget neutrality determination may be required from the Department of Ecology prior to Kittitas County Public Health being able to recommend final plat approval.

Regardless of the location of the plat within the county, the following requirements are applicable to both Upper and Lower Kittitas County:

The Public Health Department's recommendation shall state that final approval be conditioned upon the developer/owner of the plat providing proof of potable water. Proof of potable water can be provided through several different ways depending on the source of water proposed as described and outlined in the Board of County Commissioners Resolution 2010-082.

For preliminary plat approval, applicants for subdivisions (short plats and long plats) in Kittitas Count shall include the type of water system proposed in order to acquire preliminary approval.

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Final approval will be conditioned upon the type of water system proposed.

- **If application states that residences will utilize Individual Wells/2-party Shared Well:**

Applicants shall submit a well log(s) from a well located within the subdivision of land. If a well log does not exist, a four (4) hour well draw down test shall be provided prior to recommendation by KCPHD for final plat approval. If shared wells are proposed, a recorded shared well user's agreement is required for each proposed parcel. If the proposed subdivision does not have an existing well within the boundaries, a hydrogeological report with documentation/evidence to support a claim regarding adequate availability of groundwater for the proposed number of potable water wells must be submitted prior to recommendation for final plat approval. This report shall be submitted by a Professional Engineer who practices in the field of hydrology or by a licensed hydrogeologist.

- **If application states that residences will utilize a Group B Public Water System:**

Applicants shall have a well site inspection performed by KCPHD staff; complete and submit a Group B Public Water System Workbook to either KCPHD for water systems with 3-9 connections or Washington State Department of Health (DOH) for water systems with 10-14 connections or as amended by DOH; have the well(s) drilled; and submit a copy of an agreement with an approved Kittitas County Satellite Management Agency. All infrastructure for the Group B Water System including the well/pump house and storage tanks must be completed or the developer/owner can bond or completion. Final approval of the Group B Public Water System including issuance of the public water system ID number from DOH is required prior to recommendation by KCPHD for final approval. If a bond is in place, final approval will still be recommended but all infrastructure must be completed before issuance of the first building permit within the subdivision.

- **If application states that residences will utilize a Group A Public Water System:**

Applicants shall submit a signed letter of agreement between the public water system purveyor or official and the land developer/owner granting delivery of potable water for the entire development. If the public water system is being developed specifically for the subdivision/plat, the water system must be approved by Washington State Department of Health (DOH), including issuance of a public water system ID number, prior to recommendation by KCPHD for final plat approval.

Septic Availability Statement:

The Public Health Department's recommendation shall state that preliminary approval be conditioned upon the developer/owner of the plat providing satisfactory sewage disposal. Satisfactory sewage disposal can be provided through several different ways depending on the source of disposal proposed.

If application states that residences will be connected to public sewer system:

In order to recommend approval, The Public Health Department will need a signed letter from the sewer district stating that the proposed project's connection will be allowed.

If on-site sewage systems are proposed for the plat and minimum lot sizes are satisfied:

Soil logs must be performed prior to the Public Health Department recommending preliminary approval of the plat application. Once the soil logs are conducted and approved by the Public Health Department, the requirement for septic availability will have been satisfied.

Review of the Application File:

At this point in time this application does not contain sufficient information to make a determination that: 1) there is an adequate potable water supply available and 2) that the land area is suitable for onsite sewage systems. The above mentioned requirements need to be satisfied and the appropriate documentation needs to be submitted to the Public Health Department for review and approval in order for the plat application to be recommended for final approval.

If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (509) 962-7515.

Sincerely,

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