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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

December 2, 2024

RE: Administrative Determination (Prophet Elijah Antiochian Orthodox Church) – Stream Setbacks

Request for minor modification to stream buffer in City of Ellensburg UGA.

Dear Mrs. Hinkle,

Kittitas County Community Development Services has reviewed the proposed site plan for the addition and parking lot for the church. Upon conducting a site visit on parcel 026833 it was determined that the stream buffer for Mercer Creek which flows on the eastern boundary of the property should be 85 feet per the City's critical areas ordinance. It was determined that there is an interrupted buffer on the edge of the planted lawn that would permit you to build the parking lot and church wing addition maintaining a 75-foot buffer. In exchange for allowing the 75-foot buffer we will require some mitigation of additional plantings along the stream on either side of the buffer encroachment by following the replacement ratio provided in Table 17A.07.070.6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I can be reached at (509) 962-7065, or by e-mail at Jamey.ayling@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Sincerely,

Jamey Ayling
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