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April 14, 2011

Brenda Fodge
Union Bank
332 SW Everett Mall Way
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SUBJECT: Project 2011100431 (11 101461 XD), Request for Staff Interpretation of SSB 6544 and its Effects on the Preliminary Plat of Deschutes River Highlands (Project 2005104839)


Dear Ms. Fodge:

Staff has completed review of your request. SSB 6544, now codified at RCW 58.17.140, extended the approval period of preliminary plats from 5 years to 7 years. Our interpretation is that the extended approval period noted in the law does apply to the Deschutes River Highlands Preliminary Plat. Preliminary approval for the Deschutes River Highlands Preliminary Plat became effective on March 28, 2005. Therefore, the current seven year approval period expires on March 28, 2012. All conditions of approval listed in the Hearing Examiner Report and Decision issued on February 11, 2005 and amended by the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners in a decision issued on March 28, 2005 are still in effect.

Previously, this office had approved a one year time extension of the original 5 year approval period, as allowed by County Code (TCC 18.12.150). With the extension of the original preliminary approval time period to 7 years, that time extension approval is null and void. If you are not able to complete and record a final plat for all additional phases of the subdivision by March 28, 2012, you can apply for the one-year time extension as specified in TCC 18.12.150(A). To apply for the time extension, an application form and application fee must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the current expiration date (by February 28, 2012). Please keep that date in mind as it is your responsibility to file a final plat within in the current approval timeframe or to submit a time extension request. This office will not notify you of impending expiration dates.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 754-4023.

Sincerely,


Robert Smith, Senior Planner

cc: Arthur Saint, Public Works, Development Review
John Ward, Environmental Health

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