

Kittitas County Public Health Department
Administrative Policy
Potable Water for Subdivisions

Applications for subdivisions (short plats and long plats) in Kittitas County shall include the type of water system proposed in order to acquire preliminary approval. Prior to receiving final approval for subdivisions in Kittitas County, applicants shall be required to make appropriate provision for potable water supplies which includes:

1. **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.
2. **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 for 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 plat 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.
3. **INDIVIDUAL OR SHARED WATER SYSTEM:** 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 the 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.

All applications for subdivision (short plats and long plats) using the ground water exemption as defined in RCW 90.44.050 shall have the following note placed on the face of the final mylars:

"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."

Compliance with all current state and local rules and regulations is required. Applicants are required to certify that they are in compliance with WAC 173-539A or that WAC 173-539A does not apply to the Applicant.