

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION
NO. 2012-_____

RATIFYING THE REVISED KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
RELATED TO POTABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR SUBDIVISIONS

- WHEREAS, Chapter 58.17 RCW requires the County make a determination if an applicant seeking to divide land has made appropriate provisions for, among other things, potable water supply; and
- WHEREAS, Chapter 58.17 RCW requires that the finding that provisions are made for potable water supplies including whether there is adequate quantity, quality and a legal right to the water; and
- WHEREAS, during a public hearing the Board of County Commissioners considered a revision to the Administrative Policy Related to Potable Water for Subdivision (Resolution 2010-082) presented by Kittitas County Public Health Department; and
- WHEREAS, the revision to Resolution 2010-082 presented by Kittitas County Public Health Department addressed updates to current county policy and practices; and
- WHEREAS, due notice of the public hearing had been given as required by law, and the necessary inquiry has been made into the public interest and purpose to be served by such publication; and
- WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners to rescind Resolution 2010-082 and ratify the Kittitas County Public Health Department revisions to the Administrative Policy Related to Potable Water for Subdivision as presented.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners, after due deliberation and in the best interest of the public, does hereby approve and ratify the Kittitas County Public Health Department administrative policy related to potable water supply for subdivisions and the same is attached hereto.

DATED this _____ day of March 2012, at Ellensburg, Washington.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Commissioner Alan Crankovich, Chairman

Commissioner Obie O'Brien, Vice Chairman

Commissioner Paul Jewell

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE BOARD

**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 per RCW 58.17.110 which includes, but is not limited to, the following minimum requirements:

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. Section 16.24.210 KCC is not considered to be applicable for Group A public water systems as a Group A water system is held to a higher standard under Washington Administrative Code.
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 Satellite Management Agency. In addition to these requirements all infrastructure for the Group B Water System including, but not limited to the well/pump house and storage tanks must be completed and water budget neutrality determination(s) from Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) referencing the relevant subdivision and proposed parcels within the subdivision (if required by Chapter 173-539A WAC) must be provided to KCPHD prior to final approval. Final approval of the Group B Public Water System including issuance of the public water system ID number from DOH and wellhead protection areas shall be required on final mylars prior to recommendation by KCPHD for final plat approval. Section 16.24.210 KCC is not considered to be applicable for Group B public water systems as a Group B water system is held to a higher standard under Washington Administrative Code.
3. **INDIVIDUAL OR SHARED WATER SYSTEM:** Section 16.24.210 KCC applies to individual and shared water systems. Applicants shall submit a well log(s) and four hour draw down test from each proposed parcel within a subdivision, water budget neutrality determination(s) from DOE referencing the relevant subdivision and proposed parcels within the subdivision (if required by Chapter 173-539A WAC), and passing bacteriological and nitrate water quality test from each well. If the proposed subdivision does not have an existing well within the boundaries of each lot, a well must be drilled and the above information shall be provided to KCPHD prior to recommendation by KCPHD for final plat approval. If shared wells are proposed, in addition to

the above requirements a copy of a shared well user's agreement shall be recorded at the Kittitas County Auditor's Office for each proposed parcel that proposes to utilize a 2-party shared water system.

This policy is meant as a guideline for applicants, however Kittitas County reserves the ability to require additional proof that adequate provisions for potable water have been made by the applicant depending on any health, safety and environmental concerns specific to the project. Compliance with all current state and local rules and regulations is required and if this policy is found to be in conflict with any applicable rule, regulation or ordinance, then the rule, regulation or ordinance shall control. All 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.