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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

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RE: Deatherage Short Plat, SP-25-00006 – Explanation of Well Requirements

Dear Applicants,

The comment period for the Deatherage Preliminary Short Plat, SP-25-00006, ended on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 5:00 pm. Following the transmittal of comments, Community Development Services extended the deadline for receiving a response from the project applicants several times. This was due to discussions within Kittitas County regarding the interpretation of State Law as it relates to Water Supply Protection Zones for private wells.

It has been determined that the submitted comments from Kittitas County Public Health related to this aspect of your project must be adhered to for CDS to continue processing your project. The comments received are as follows:

"A subdivision with nonpublic wells must provide a 100-foot water supply protection zone for each existing and proposed well. This protection zone must fit within the lot lines, or a copy of a restrictive covenant must be provided to each property located partially or entirely within the protection zone."

If you have questions regarding this requirement, as well as questions regarding any potential waiver you may be eligible for, please contact Kittitas County Public Health directly for further information. Their direct phone number is 509-962-7515 and their direct email address is publichealth@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Due to a determination being reached on this aspect of your project, CDS will resume processing your project and is asking that the applicants please respond to transmitted comments on this project.

If you wish to provide responses to any of the received comments, please do so **by 5:00 pm on September 15, 2025**, so that staff can incorporate and consider any of your responses into the staff report. If you would like additional time to address any of the comments, please contact me directly to extend the response due date. If staff has not heard from you by September 15, 2025, we will proceed with our staff report and decision on the preliminary plat. If you have questions about any comments from an agency, please contact them directly.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (509) 962-7079, or by e-mail at zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Sincerely,

Zach Torrance-Smith
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