

Letter of Protest

From: Drew E. Sinclair

To whom it may concern,



On November 27 of 2017 all of my paperwork was submitted to Kittitas County, by Cruise and Associates, to begin the process of short platting five acres off of my grandparents approximate 11 acres. At that time, **ALL** fees were paid to the county for completion of that short plat.

On 5/29/18 I was notified by Chris Cruise that CDS was withholding completing my short plat until I paid a new fee of \$2275. This fee is on top of the \$3400 fee that I paid for on 11/27/17. The new fee of \$2275 was to assure that short plats could be completed in a timely manner. It seems ironic that I would be paying an additional large sum of money to assure that my short plat would be completed in a timely manner after CDS took possession of all of my completed paperwork over seven months ago.

I have been told by a county commissioner that the process has been slowed because of loss staff at CDS. This is unfortunate and I understand that this would surely slow the approval of my short plat. I have been extremely patient in the process and have been very quick to act when things have come up that are my responsibility to get completed; such as having a well dug and the water mitigation completed within a week of being informed that the short plat was preliminarily approved through the county as well as getting perk holes dug and having the septic site evaluation completed.

The loss of staff and the slowing of the process are both unfortunate; however I have zero control over either one of those things. I paid the county and CDS a fee, in its entirety, for a service on 11/27/17. Not only has CDS not completed that service in a timely manner (it's now been well over seven months) I am seemingly being required to pay an additional large sum of \$2275. This additional fee is to be added to the original amount. I am not receiving ANY additional services from Kittitas County or CDS for this additional fee.

I believe that charging a member of this community for a service, without completion of that service is not only extremely unfair, but illegal. Holding my short plat application hostage until even more money is obtained from me is also extremely unfair. If this simple short plat had been completed in a timely manner, I would have been exempt from paying these fee increases; however, at no fault of my own, this process has not only been very slow, but also very frustrating. Due to the long wait and untimeliness in processing and completing this short plat, I am looking at not being able to build until this winter,

which is less than ideal. Also, due to the slow process, interest rates for building my house have continually risen to the highest rates in seven years. Not only is CDS wanting to charge me an additional \$2275, that I had not budgeted for, they have also cost me months of land sitting without being farmed and an untold amount of future money lost due to the ever increasing interest rates.

I hope you can understand my frustrations with regards to this letter of protest. I am not writing this letter to get anyone in trouble or create any problems. I am writing it because I think this is an extremely unfair fee to place onto someone, when things took as long as they did, at no fault of their own.

I am requesting that all or a portion of the \$2275 fee that I am paying be returned and refunded to me after this letter is reviewed by CDS staff.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this very frustrating matter,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drew E. Sinclair', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Drew E. Sinclair

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