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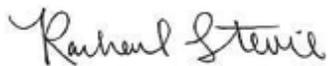
Good morning Mr. Ward,

Thank you for your detailed reply.

I will place your application on hold for 90 days to give you time to get your septic installed and prepare the associated information.

We will hold your application until August 16, 2021. However, feel free to submit the information as soon as you have it.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!



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From: Marcus Ward <seaward206@gmail.com>
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Hi Rachael,

Thanks for the time to provide more information about my circumstances.

1.

The SPUD will be installing the side sewer for my property in the next 30-60 days. Upon excavation, it was revealed that the sewer on my property is actually being used by my neighbor to the north. The size of the pipe does not allow two houses to share the connection.

We will not know the final height of the sewer pipe until installation is complete. Once documented, we will know the precise height and an engineer shouldnt be necessary to calculate our run to connect.

The sewer system was designed for 15' setbacks and is shallow (the invert is only 5').

2.

The variance request is not being used to increase the size of the house. Because the topography of the lot was altered significantly in error by the prior owner, we have a slope that forced us to decide between bringing in structural fill and having a 7' crawl space or digging out and making that a full height conditioned space. We chose the latter and it added about 800 square feet.

Our burden with the full 25' setback is that our sewer run most likely becomes a pump system which is not favorable at the pass. It also gives us over 6000 cubic feet of additional snow removal based on an 18' wide driveway. These are substantial benefits adjacent lots enjoy.

Thanks again for putting the application on hold and letting me provide more info versus a denial. It feels like a partnership and I appreciate it.
Have a great week.

Is it possible to extend the application hold until we have an installed sewer?

Thanks,
Marcus

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 1:34 PM Rachael Stevie (CD) <rachael.stevie.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Mr. Ward,

I have sent my Staff Report to our Planning Official for review. He has stated that he does not see a convincing argument that the first two criteria have been met. These issues are noted below.