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John Kenney

City Arborist

Mercer Island Fire Department

RE: 1812-087 (8243 West Mercer Way), TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

Dear John,

As indicated in your 6/17/2020 correction notice, the following request is for project at 8243 West Mercer Way:

NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOME ON EXISTING VACANT LOT. EXISTING LOT IS APPROXIMATELY 18,616 SQUARE FEET AND THE PROPOSED SINGLE FAMILY HOME IS 3 LEVELS WITH APPROXIMATELY 5433 GROSS SQUARE FEET.

The existing site is accessed via a long, steep driveway shared with several other properties. This existing access drive allows very limited locations to access the site and house. The proposed drive onto the property is the only location that minimizes the slope of the drive affording safe access from the shared driveway to the proposed house. Any other access point would create a hazardous condition in terms of safe access to the site. This location has been approved by the Fire Department.

The proposed location encroaches on the root zone of a significant douglas fir tree (#7 as noted on the submittal plan set) and therefore this tree must be removed so as not to compromise the stability of the tree and the safety for occupants of the proposed and existing homes.

Sincerely,



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