

Ms. Lauren Anderson

Planner City of Mercer Island, Community Planning and Development

July 17, 2020

Re: No. Sub 18-005 (short plat) 4270 East Mercer Way

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond to the comment letter (email) dated July 7, 2020. Below please find the original text and our responses:

Comment:

We are looking at the water tank and the small trees that are below it. One is tagged, can't remember the number #26 ?? . We need that tree to NOT be removed, as it stabilizes the bank, supporting the water tank. Could you send me a diagram of the trees in that vicinity, of the water tank?? and which ones are marked to be removed ??

Response:

These trees are included in the arborist report and that we submitted to the city. The report indicates that they are all in poor health condition and with significant structure problems and defects. The arborist has recommended that they be removed or they will pose a potential hazard to the area where the tank is located. We do not plan to remove the roots of these trees and the arborist and Geo tech do not see an issue with removal of these trees to the stability of the tank. Leaving these trees poses the risk of them falling on the tank and we do not want to take that responsibility. If Ms. Carpers and others that use the tank water are willing to take the responsibility for any damage that these trees can cause and hold us harmless, we are fine with leaving them in place.

We will provide an easement for the tank and the line that goes though the property. The well head is not on this property but it is located at another parcel that is next to the lake. The water is then pumped from that location through a long pipe to the tank. The water then gets distributed to the properties that are using the water from the tank. We will provide easement for any repair that may be needed for the tank or the pipes that bring the water to the tank and from the tank to the properties. The tank will be fenced to protect it during construction.