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**To:** Mercer Island – Community Planning & Development  
9611 SE 36<sup>th</sup> St.  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

**From:** Brad Sturman  
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**Re:** 5202 Forest Ave SE Permit # 2007-212  
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Mercer Island, WA 98040

**Subj.:** First Intake Screening Comments Response

The following information is our response to the combined comments of the Intake Screening Packet dated 8/18/2020 with comments by Civil - Ruji Ding, City Arborist - John Kenney, and Fire Marshal – Jeromy Hicks. This letter of written responses to comments accompanies our revised Permit Intake submittal uploaded to the city ftp site.

1. *Civil Comments – Ruji Ding*

*“The Drainage report is not included with the submittal. The drainage report is required prior to intake. The following is the website for the report [https://www.mercerisland.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public\\_works/page/1106/mercerisland\\_sections\\_a-d.pdf](https://www.mercerisland.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public_works/page/1106/mercerisland_sections_a-d.pdf)”*

**Response:** Please see now included Small Project Stormwater Site Plan/Report prepared by Patrick Harron 7 Associates Civil Engineers and included with the supplemental files uploaded to the city ftp site on 9/18/2020. In addition updated Civil drawings have been prepared by the Civil Engineer and uploaded with the drawing set.



2. *“Additional comments:  
This permit is only for one lot, all design features other than this lot shall be deleted or removed, such as The Detention System Exhibit”*

**Response: The Detention System Exhibit has been removed from the set in addition to the updated civil drawings mentioned in the previous comment.**

3. *Fire Comments – Jeromy Hicks  
“Email sent to applicant and attached to Tract file regarding the need for a Code Alt”*

**Response: A Fire Code Alternate will be finalized and uploaded during permit review.**

4. *Tree Comments – John Kenney  
“Trees 1 and 2 are exceptional and listed as viable in the Arborist’s report. Exceptional trees can only be removed if justified under MICC 19.10.060.A.3”*

**Response: Please see revised uploaded arborist’s report and uploaded ISA Basic Tree Risk forms for both trees 1 and 2 created by Tom Hanson, arborist.**

5. *See below for first round comments in above checklist. Checklist items not required for intake”  
“First round comment  
2. Minimize grading encroaching into three 3’s dripline. Or use other methods like shoring.”*

**Response: Please see revised arborist’s report uploaded to the city ftp site, notably page 5. Tree #3 was hoped to be retained, but is a very old tree overhanging the house with potential for significant root excavation decay and in the arborist’s judgement should be removed as well.**

Respectfully,  
Brad Sturman (Sturman Architects)