

From: Mercer Island ePermit Tech
Sent time: 07/07/2021 11:25:47 AM
To: Chris Niederman <Chris@niederman.com>
Subject: RE: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Thanks for the signed Owner as Chris.

You should be getting an email from Linda soon about your fee payments,

Thanks,

Kelsey Salvo (she/her)
Administrative Assistant
City of Mercer Island
www.mercerisland.gov/

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From: Chris Niederman <Chris@niederman.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: Re: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

That's great and definitely helps us keep moving forward. See attached for my signed form.

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OWNER AS CONTRACTOR

What the Law Requires of Registered Contractors

In Washington, Contractors must register with the Department of Labor and Industries, post a bond and carry General Liability Insurance coverage.

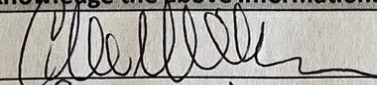
1. A general Contractor must maintain a \$12,000 bond. A specialty contractor, such as a painter, must maintain a \$6,000 bond. Dissatisfied consumers may pursue restitution by taking civil action against the contractor's bond in Superior Court.
2. All registered contractors must carry general liability insurance coverage (\$50,000 property damage and \$200,000 public liability or \$250,000 combined single limit).
3. Contractors must possess a current unified business identifier (UBI) number and an employer identification number (EIN). (An EIN is optional for a sole proprietorship).

Owner Acting as Contractor – Some Risks and Liabilities

When hiring an unlicensed contractor and/or acting as your own contractor, you may be:

1. Responsible for the medical and time loss costs of employees injured while working on your project.
2. Liable for all unpaid taxes.
3. Placing yourself and your family in a life-threatening situation, especially when hiring unlicensed people to install plumbing, electrical wiring, heating systems and wood stoves.
4. Your homeowner's insurance may not cover work done by an unlicensed contractor.
5. The law requires complete disclosure of all work that has been done on your home if you resell. You may be required to do work over again that has been done without permits or inspections. Non-disclosure can lead to civil action being taken against you.
6. Suppliers can place a lien on your home for non-payment of materials by your contractor.
7. Unpaid workers can place a lien on your property
8. When problems arise, your only recourse is a lengthy and costly civil action - if there are any assets of value to attach, and if you can find the contractor.

This form must be signed and filed within the project folder

I have read and acknowledge the above information:	
Owner Signature:	
Owner Printed Name:	CHRIS NIEDERMAN
Date:	7-6-21

Hey Chris,

We do want you to have a contractor before we issue your permit, but you can sign an owner as contractor form. The form just says you will be acting as the contractor and will let us issue your permit. After you pick a contractor you can email us and we can change that part of your permit over to them.

Here is the form incase you want to sign it.

https://www.mercerisland.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_planning_amp_development/page/1781/ownerascontractor.pdf

Thanks,

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From: Chris Niederman <Chris@niederman.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: Re: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Thanks, Kelsey. Do I absolutely need to select a contractor before the permit can be issued? I'm still interviewing contractors and was hoping my contractor selection process wouldn't hold this up since it's taking longer than I expected to meet with them and gather proposals.

Thanks,
--Chris

From: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 11:31 AM
To: Chris Niederman <Chris@niederman.com>
Subject: RE: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Hey Chris,

Once Andrew Approves these plans it goes to Linda who assesses all the fees and will look at your contractor information. It does look like we need your contractor information and you can either send it to this email or respond back to Linda when she asks you for it. She will then email you requesting you to pay the fees for the permit. Once you have paid I will email you your permits for signature and then once you sign and send them back to me I will issue your permit.

This process takes about 5 days on average.

Thanks,

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From: Chris Niederman <Chris@niederman.com>
Sent: Friday, July 2, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: FW: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Hello!

Can you please let me know the next steps in the process?

Thank you!
--Chris

From: Andrew Leon <andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov>
Date: Friday, July 2, 2021 at 11:59 AM
To: Chris Niederman <Chris@niederman.com>
Cc: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: RE: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Hello,

Thank you for sending in this updated document. The revised plans show that the proposed fence and gate meet fence height standards, so I have approved the permit for planning. If you have any questions about how the permit is processed from here, I would recommend getting in contact with the Permit Center at epermit.tech@mercergov.org.

Thanks,

Andrew Leon
Planner
City of Mercer Island – Community Planning and Development Department
206-275-7720 | mercerisland.gov/cpd

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From: Chris Niederman [<mailto:Chris@niederman.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Andrew Leon <andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov>
Cc: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: Re: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Hi Andrew,

Here's the revised drawing. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information to approve our permit.

Thanks,
--Chris

Sent from my iPhone

From: Andrew Leon <andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov>
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 11:16 AM
To: Chris Niederman <Chris@niederman.com>
Cc: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: RE: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Hello,

MIC 19.02.050(C)(1) states that the height of a fence is measured from the top of the fence, including posts, to the existing grade or finished grade, whichever is lower, directly below the section of the fence being measured. The lights are part of the posts, so they would also need to meet the 72-inch height limit for the fence.

Thanks,

Andrew Leon

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From: Chris Niederman [<mailto:Chris@niederman.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 12:09 PM
To: Andrew Leon <andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov>
Cc: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: Re: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Hi Andrew,

One question....if the top of the posts are at 72 inches then can we still put lights on top of the posts or do the top of the lights also need to be at 72 inches max?

Thanks,
--Chris

From: Chris Niederman <Chris@niederman.com>
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 at 11:52 AM
To: Andrew Leon <andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov>
Cc: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: Re: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Thanks, Andrew. I will have the plans revised and then send them back to you.

--Chris

From: Andrew Leon <andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov>
Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 at 6:09 PM
To: Chris Niederman <Chris@niederman.com>
Cc: Mercer Island ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: 2015-227 Planning Review Comments

Hello,

I have completed my first round of review of your building permit to install an automatic electric gate at 6800 96th Ave SE, as process under permit number 2105-227. I have the following review comments:

- [MICC 19.02.050\(E\)\(1\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) states that fences and gates are allowed to a maximum height of 72 inches within required side yards. Further, [MICC 19.02.050\(C\)\(1\)](#) states that the height of a fence or gate is measured from the top of the fence or gate, including posts, to the existing or finished grade, whichever is lower, directly below the section of the fence or gate being measured.

The plans show that the posts of the proposed gate and fence are to be 78 inches in height, with elements extending above 78 inches. This exceeds the 72 inch height limit. Please revise the height of the posts so they meet the height limit listed in [MICC 19.02.050\(E\)\(1\)\(a\)\(i\)](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov or at 206-275-7720.

Thanks,

Andrew Leon

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