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CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

April 23, 2015

City of Mercer Island  
9611 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mercer island, WA 98040

Dear City:

This is a comment on the application of James Cherberg to construct a dock at 9418 SE 33rd Street, Mercer Island, WA. The Project Numbers are SHL 14-031 and SEP 14-025.

We live immediately next door to the project site, at 9410 SE 33rd Street, and currently have a dock on our property.

We have supported the Cherbergs' goal of obtaining a dock, so long as it is in scale and does not unreasonably limit the use of our dock. The proposal that has been filed, unfortunately, is out of scale for the small amount of waterway in that area. In addition, due to its size and configuration, the proposed dock would come very close (approximately 6 feet) to our existing dock and boat lift. The proposed Cherberg dock would be so close that it would make a significant part of our dock unusable. In addition, the dock would be so long that it would block use of the mooring area on the southeast side of our dock.

We previously proposed an alternative dock configuration for the Cherbergs' consideration. A copy is attached to this letter. The alternative proposal would provide a dock large enough to moor a large powerboat with a boatlift, to moor a wave runner with a lift, and to have adequate space for a diving board. It would not severely impact the use of our dock. Although it is not ideal from our family's perspective, in the spirit of neighborly cooperation, we would agree that it would serve as a basis for entering into an Adjacent Dock Use

Agreement for this alternative dock layout.

In short, the dock as proposed by the Cherbergs severely impacts the use of our own dock, is out of proportion to the available space and is far beyond any installation that we have ever contemplated. We believe, however, that a dock of suitable size and configuration can meet all reasonable requirements of the Cherbergs. We have expended effort, time and money to generate what we believe is a fair solution.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment and alternative proposal.

Sincerely,

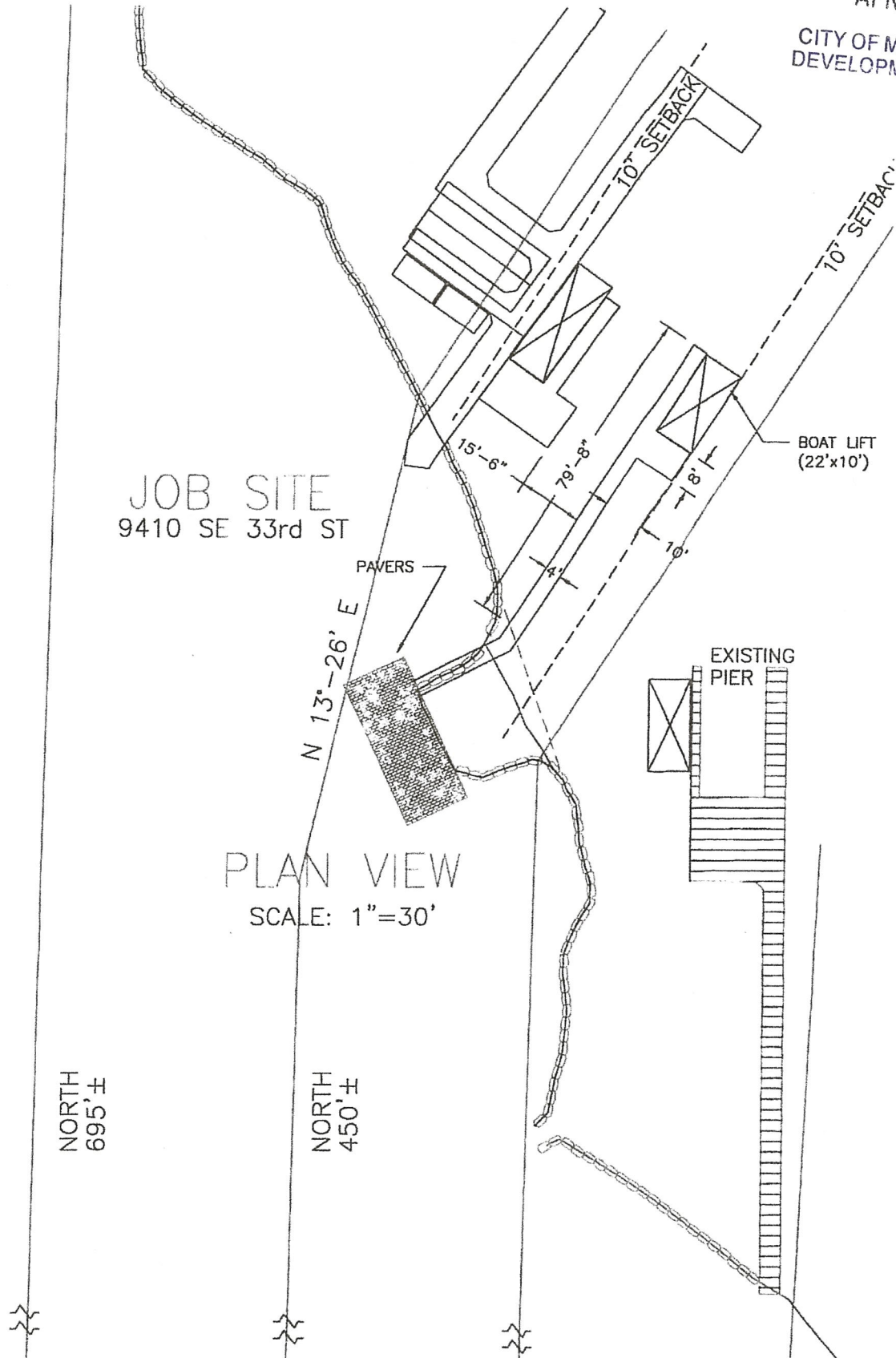
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