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Via Email and U.S. Mail

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City of Mercer Island
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Re: File No. SHL 14-031, Cherberg Dock at 9418 SE 33rd Street

Dear Mr. Saunders:

This letter is a follow up to my letter to you dated July 17, 2015, and my email to you dated February 11, 2016, regarding the above referenced matter. In February, you approved an extension of the pending Cherberg Dock application SHL 14-03 until June 13, 2016, due to pending legal proceedings. This letter seeks a further extension. The update of the lawsuit and reasons for the extension are as follows.

As expressed in my letter to you dated July 17, 2015, one issue in the court case is whether, due to a prior agreement with the Cherbergs, the Griffiths must sign the City required Joint Use Agreement (allowing less than 35 foot dock separation). The King County Superior Court ruled in favor of the Cherbergs and ordered the Griffiths to sign the Joint Use Agreement. Please review the attached letter from Karen Cobb of the law firm Frey Buck who is the attorney representing the Cherbergs in the lawsuit. She explains that, last month, the Court ordered the Griffiths to sign the Joint Use Agreement, but that the Griffiths filed an appeal and a stay is imminent. The stay will mean that the Griffiths don't have to sign the Joint Use Agreement unless and until the appeal is decided in favor of the Cherbergs.

This situation is highly unusual. The Cherbergs have done all they could to satisfy the City request for the Joint Use Agreement and the Cherbergs have in fact obtained a court order requiring the Griffiths to sign the Joint Use Agreement. The Cherbergs would have been in position to deliver a fully executed Joint Use Agreement to the City except that the Griffiths filed the appeal and are obtaining a stay.

Unfortunately, as noted in the letter from Ms. Cobb, the appeal will likely take 12-18 months to be processed. As a result, we must of necessity ask for a further extension of the permit application until the appeal is resolved. In my letter to the City dated July 17, 2015, I encouraged the City to take a position that would avoid the City from becoming entangled in the issues between the Cherbergs and the Griffiths. The City's prior extensions mean that the City

has taken a neutral position as to the lawsuit, and would step back and await the results of the legal proceedings. The City needs to continue that neutral position by granting a further extension until the appeal is resolved.


We recognize that the City is hesitant to grant an extension with an undetermined end date. Therefore, we respectfully request that the City grant an extension for one year with the understanding and recognition that the intent is to grant further extensions until the appeal is resolved.

To ensure full disclosure, I am copying the City Attorney and the Griffiths' attorneys. Please contact me or have City Attorney Kari Sand contact me if you need additional information or want to discuss this matter further.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Clients
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Rich Hill and Tyler Farmer, Attorneys for the Griffiths
Karen Cobb, Attorney for the Cherbergs



June 9, 2016

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Re: Cherberg v. Griffith –King County Cause No. 15-2-10983-9 SEA
Our File No. 12149:034205

Dear Mr. Klinge:

As you are aware, I am counsel of record for James and Nan Cherberg as Plaintiffs in the above-referenced lawsuit involving their neighbors Hal and Joan Griffith as Defendants. I am aware that you represent the Cherbergs in the permitting process at the City of Mercer Island. I am providing this update to you with the knowledge and expectation that you will forward this letter to the City of Mercer Island for review and consideration by the City.

A key issue in the lawsuit was whether the Griffiths must sign the Joint Use Agreement required by the City of Mercer Island to approve the Cherbergs' dock application, because the proposed dock is within 35 feet of the Griffiths' dock. King County Superior Court Judge Mariane Spearman ruled in favor of the Cherbergs on May 10, 2016, and ordered the Griffiths to sign the Joint Use Agreement. However, after a final order was entered on May 26, 2016, the Griffiths filed a notice of appeal of the order requiring them to sign the Joint Use Agreement. The Griffiths have also sought a "stay" of the enforcement of the order—freezing the status quo until the appeal is resolved. Thus, while the Court has ordered the Griffiths to sign the Joint Use Agreement, once the stay is in place the Cherbergs cannot enforce the order and must await the decision of the appellate courts, which we expect to take 12-18 months. We anticipate the Court will issue the stay order on or about June 13, 2016.

Sincerely,

FREYBUCK, P.S.

Karen L. Cobb

cc: clients