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WCF20-013/SEP20-021 Review

December 2, 2020

Amanda Nations

1505 Westlake Avenue North, Suite 800

Seattle, WA 98109

RE: WCF20-013/SEP20-021, 8215 SE 78<sup>th</sup> St

Dear Ms. Nations,

The City of Mercer Island Community Planning and Development Department has performed a review for compliance with the zoning code, Title 19 of the Mercer Island City Code (MICC) for the above-referenced Small Cell Wireless Communication Facility Permit application and SEPA review. The following issues need to be addressed before we can continue processing of the application:

### Planning:

1. MICC 19.06.075(F)(1)(a) states that new poles within the rights-of-way are only permitted if the applicant can establish that the proposed small cell facility cannot be located on an existing utility pole, electrical transmission tower or on a site outside on the public rights-of-way such as a public park, public property, building, transmission tower, or in a nonresidential use in a residential zone whether by roof or panel mount or separate structure. Please demonstrate why the small cell facility cannot be placed in the locations listed in MICC 19.06.075(F)(1)(a), in particular:
  - The utility poles in the right-of-way of 84<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
  - Within the South Mercer Playfields, a public park on the north side of SE 78<sup>th</sup> St. There are light poles at the park's parking lot near the proposed location of the small cell facility.
  - Within the property of Lakeridge Elementary School. There are light poles within the school's parking lot near the proposed location of the small cell facility.
  - On the nearby school building.

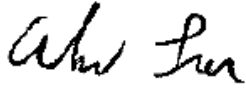
### Trees:

2. During the pre-application meeting, it was asked that alternative pole location areas be explored. The proposed location is close to Tree 1, which is stressed without irrigation and limited soil volume. This proposal would reduce soil volume further, prune roots, and prune branches. Please consider an alternate location that will not result in potential damage to Tree 1.

For questions regarding trees and tree requirements, please contact John Kenney, City Arborist, at 206-275-7713 or via email at [john.kenney@mercerisland.gov](mailto:john.kenney@mercerisland.gov).

The Planning Division's processing of the revision to the Small Cell Wireless Communication Facility Permit application and SEPA review is on hold until these issues are resolved. Please feel free to contact me at 206-275-7720 or via email at [andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov](mailto:andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Leon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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