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**SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS
PRELIMINARY PLAT**

Planning Division

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PURPOSE: To establish the layout of the land division and to ensure the proposed plat is in accordance with City of Renton’s adopted standards, consistent with the City’s goal to protect public health, safety, welfare and aesthetics, and providing adequate public services/infrastructure.

FREE CONSULTATION MEETING: Prior to submitting an application, the applicant should informally discuss the proposed development with the Planning Division. The Planning Division will provide assistance and detailed information on the City’s requirements and standards. Applicants may also take this opportunity to request the waiver of the City’s typical application submittal requirements, which may not be applicable to the specific proposal. For further information on this meeting, see the instruction sheet entitled "Submittal Requirements: Pre-Application."

COMPLETE APPLICATION REQUIRED: In order to accept your application, each of the numbered items must be submitted at the **same time**. If you have received a prior written waiver of a submittal item(s) during a pre-application meeting, please provide the waiver form in lieu of any submittal item not provided. **All plans and attachments must be folded to a size not exceeding 8½ by 11 inches.**

APPLICATION SCREENING: Applicants are encouraged to bring in one copy of the application package for informal review by staff, prior to making the requested number of copies, colored drawings, or photo reductions. Please allow approximately 45 minutes for application screening.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL HOURS: Applications should be submitted to Planning Division staff at the 6th floor counter of Renton City Hall, 1055 South Grady Way, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Please call your assigned project manager to schedule an appointment or call 425-430-7200 to reach the Planning Division. Due to the screening time required, applications delivered by messenger cannot be accepted.

PLAT NAME: Renton City Council requests that the plat name remains constant throughout all development applications. Please give careful consideration to your plat name with special attention to uniqueness, as it will be used by the City through at least the final plat application.

ADDITIONAL PERMITS: Additional permits from other agencies may be required. It is the applicant’s responsibility to obtain these other approvals. Information regarding these other requirements may be found at <http://apps.oria.wa.gov/opas/>

All Plans and Attachments must be folded 8 ½" by 11"

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

1. **Pre-Application Meeting Summary:** If the application was reviewed at a “pre-application meeting”, please provide **5 copies** of the written summary provided to you.
2. **Waiver Form:** If you received a waiver form during or after a “pre-application meeting”, please provide **5 copies** of this form.
3. **Land Use Permit Master Application Form:** Please provide the **original plus 11 copies** of the **COMPLETED** City of Renton Planning Division’s Master Application form. Application must have notarized signatures of **ALL** current property owners listed on the Title Report. If the property owner is a corporation, the authorized representative must attach proof of signing authority on behalf of the corporation. The legal description of the property must be attached to the application form.
4. **Fees:** The application must be accompanied by the required application fee (see [Fee Schedule Brochure](#)). Please call 425-430-7294 to verify the exact amount required. Checks should be made out to the *City of Renton* and cannot be accepted for over the total fee amount.
5. **Project Narrative:** Please provide **12 copies** of a clear and concise description of the proposed project, including the following:
 - Project name, size and location of site
 - Land use permits required for proposed project
 - Zoning designation of the site and adjacent properties
 - Current use of the site and any existing improvements
 - Special site features (i.e. wetlands, water bodies, steep slopes)
 - Statement addressing soil type and drainage conditions
 - Proposed use of the property and scope of the proposed development
 - For plats indicate the proposed number, net density and range of sizes (net lot area) of the new lots
 - Access
 - Proposed off-site improvements (i.e. installation of sidewalks, fire hydrants, sewer main, etc.)
 - Total estimated construction cost and estimated fair market value of the proposed project
 - Estimated quantities and type of materials involved if any fill or excavation is proposed
 - Number, type and size of any trees to be removed
 - Explanation of any land to be dedicated to the City
 - Any proposed job shacks, sales trailers, and/or model homes

- Any proposed modifications being requested (include written justification)

For projects located within 100 feet of a stream or wetland, please include:

- Distance in feet from the wetland or stream to the nearest area of work

For projects located within 200-feet of Black River, Cedar River, Springbrook Creek, May Creek and Lake Washington please include the following additional information:

- Distance from closest area of work to the ordinary high water mark.
- Description of the nature of the existing shoreline
- The approximate location of and number of residential units, existing and potential, that will have an obstructed view in the event the proposed project exceeds a height of 35-feet above the average grade level

6. **Environmental Checklist:** Please provide **12 copies** of the Environmental Checklist. Please ensure you have signed the checklist and that all questions on the checklist have been filled in before making copies. If a particular question on the checklist does not apply, fill in the space with "Not Applicable".

7. **Rezone, Variance, Modification, or Conditional Use Justification:** Please contact the Planning Division to determine whether your project proposal triggers any additional land use permits. If so, additional information may be required.

8. **Density Worksheet:** Please submit **12 copies** of a completed density worksheet for all residential projects.

9. **Construction Mitigation Description:** Please provide **5 copies** of a written narrative addressing each of the following:

- Proposed construction dates (begin and end dates)
- Hours and days of operation
- Proposed hauling/transportation routes
- Measures to be implemented to minimize dust, traffic and transportation impacts, erosion, mud, noise, and other noxious characteristics
- Any special hours proposed for construction or hauling (i.e. weekends, late nights)
- Preliminary traffic control plan

If your project requires the use of cranes, please contact the City's Airport Manager at 425-430-7471 to determine whether Federal Aviation Administration notification will be required.

10. **Plat Certificate or Title Report:** Please provide **3 copies** of a current Plat Certificate or Title Report obtained from a title company documenting ownership and listing all encumbrances of the involved parcel(s). The Title Report should include all parcels being developed, but no parcels that are not part of the development. If the Plat Certificate or Title Report references any **recorded documents** (i.e. easements, dedications, covenants) **5 copies** of the referenced recorded document(s) must also be provided. All easements referenced in the Plat Certificate must be located, identified by type and recording number, and dimensioned on the Site Plan.

11. **Draft Legal Documents:** Please provide **4 copies** of any proposed street dedications, restrictive covenants, draft Homeowners Association, or any other legal documents pertaining to the development and use of the property.
12. **Proof of King County Plat Name Reservation:** Please provide **5 copies** of a Plat and Condominium Name Reservation Request form approved by the King County Recorder's Office. The request form may be obtained from the King County Recorder's Office website under Plat and Condominium Name Reservation Request.
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/business/Recorders/OnlineFormsandDocumentStandards.aspx>
The Recorder's Office charges a \$50 fee for name reservation, and reservation of the plat name expires one year after approval.
13. **Affidavit of Installation of Public Information Sign(s):** Please complete and provide the attached notarized **original** affidavit plus **1 copy** of the affidavit attesting the required public information sign(s) has been installed in accordance with City Code requirements. See attachment titled "[Public Information Signs](#)" for information about the size and location requirements for public information signs.
14. **Affidavit of Installation of Public Outreach Sign(s):** Please complete and provide the attached notarized **original** affidavit plus **1 copy** of the affidavit attesting the required public outreach sign(s) has been installed in accordance with the City Code requirements. See attachment titled "[Public Outreach Signs](#)" for information about the size and location requirements for public outreach signs.
15. **Proof of Neighborhood Meeting:** Please provide the following materials with the submittal of a complete development application:
- A copy of the notice provided to surrounding property owners within three hundred feet (300') of the proposed development site;
 - A copy of the mailing list used to send out meeting notices;
 - An affidavit of mailing and posting notice(s);
 - A copy of the meeting sign-in sheet;
 - Copies of materials presented at the meeting;
 - Notes of the meeting including a summary of oral and written comments received; and
 - If no members of the public attended the neighborhood meeting and/or persons in attendance made no comments, the required submittal materials shall reflect the absence of comment, attendance, or both.
16. **Neighborhood Detail Map:** Please provide **12 copies** of a map drawn at a scale of 1" = 100' or 1" = 200' (or other scale approved by the Planning Division) to be used to identify the site location on public notices and to review compatibility with surrounding land uses. The map shall identify the subject site with a much darker perimeter line than surrounding properties and include at least two cross streets in all directions showing the location of the subject site relative to property boundaries of surrounding parcels. The map shall also show: the property's lot lines, lot lines of surrounding properties, boundaries of the City of

Renton (if applicable), north arrow (oriented to the top of the plan sheet), graphic scale used for the map, and City of Renton (not King County) street names for all streets shown. Please ensure all information fits on a single map sheet.

Kroll Map Company (206-448-6277) produces maps that may serve this purpose or you may use the King County Assessor's maps as a base for the Neighborhood Detail Map. Additional information (i.e. current city street names) will need to be added by the applicant.

17. **Overall Plat Plan:** If the scale of the project requires multiple plan sheets, please provide **12 copies** of the entire plat plan on a single sheet (please insert in plan set for plat plan).

18. **Plat Plan:** Please provide **12 copies** of a fully-dimensioned plan prepared by a State of Washington registered professional land surveyor in accordance with RCW 18.43.020, drawn at a scale of 1" = 40' on an 18" x 24" plan sheet (or other size or scale approved by the Planning Division) and including the information required by the City of Renton Subdivision Regulations:

- Name of the proposed plat and space for the future City file number
- Names and addresses of the engineer, licensed land surveyor, and all property owners
- Legal description of the property to be subdivided
- Date, graphic scale, and north arrow oriented to the top of the paper/plan sheet
- Vicinity map (a reduced version of the neighborhood detail map defined previously)
- Overall plat layout with sheet key on a single page if the scale of the plat requires multiple plan sheets
- Drawing of the subject property with all existing and proposed property lines dimensioned
- Location of the subject site with respect to the nearest street intersections (including driveways and/or intersections opposite the subject property), alleys and other rights of way
- Names, locations, types, widths and other dimensions of existing and proposed streets, alleys, easements, parks, building setbacks, open spaces, and reservations. City code requires that private access easements be created via easement rather than creation of a separate tract
- Location and dimensions of all easements referenced in the plat certificate with the recording number and type of easement (e.g. access, sewer, etc.) indicated. If any recorded easement is unmappable, include a note on the face of the plan indicating the recording number and reason it cannot be mapped
- Location, distances from existing and new lot lines, and dimensions of any existing structures, existing or proposed fencing or retaining walls, and free-standing signs
- Location of critical areas and any required buffer on or adjacent to the site identified by type (e.g. floodplain, Category 1 Wetland, Class 3 Stream)

A legend listing the following included on the first sheet of the Preliminary Plat Plan:

- Total area in acres of proposed plat
- Proposed number of lots
- Zoning of the subject site

- Proposed square footage of each lot. If there are any pipestem lots with access easements or any lots with portions of the lot narrower than 80% of the minimum required lot width, then both the total square footage and the 'net' square footage shall be provided (per RMC 4-7-170F1).
- Square footage of land in critical areas
- Square footage of land in critical area buffers
- Square footage of land in publicly dedicated streets
- Square footage of land in private access easements
- Density proposed and density permitted by code

For **commercial/industrial properties** please also include the following in the legend:

- Total area of existing impervious surface
- Total area of existing undeveloped area
- Square footage (by floor and overall total) of each individual building and/or use
- Building footprint area
- Percentage of lot covered by buildings and structures
- Total area of pavement (existing to remain and new)
- Total area of landscaping
- Building setbacks (required and proposed) between all structures and property lines
- Parking analysis per lot including the number of parking spaces provided and required

19. **Landscape Plan, Conceptual:** Please provide **5 copies** of a fully-dimensioned plan drawn at the same scale as the project site plan (or other scale approved by the Planning Division), clearly indicating the following:
- Date, graphic scale, and north arrow
 - Location of proposed buildings, parking areas and access, and existing buildings to remain
 - Names and locations of abutting streets and public improvements, including easements
 - Existing and proposed contours at two-foot intervals or less
 - Location and size of planting areas
 - Location and height of proposed berming
 - Location and elevations for any proposed landscape-related structures such as arbors, gazebos, fencing, etc.
 - Location, size, spacing and names of existing (to remain) and proposed shrubs, trees, and ground covers. Locations of decorative rocks or landscape improvements in relationship to proposed and existing utilities and structures
 - Trees to be retained and associated drip lines
 - For wireless communication facilities, indicate type and locations of existing and new plant materials used to screen facility components and the proposed color(s).
20. **Floor Plans:** Please provide **5 copies** of a plan showing general building layout, proposed uses of space, walls, exits and proposed locations of kitchens, baths, and floor drains, with sufficient detail for City staff to determine if an oil/water separator or grease interceptor is

required and to determine the sizing of a side sewer.

21. **Topography Map:** Please provide **5 copies** of a plan showing the site's existing contour lines at five-foot vertical intervals and planimetric features extending ten feet beyond the property boundaries.
22. **Tree Retention/ Land Clearing (Tree Inventory) Plan:** Please provide **4 copies** of a fully dimensioned plan drawn by a certified arborist or a licensed landscape architect if **ANY** trees or vegetation are to be removed or altered. The plan shall be based on finished grade, drawn at the same scale as the project site plan with the northern property line at the top of the paper, and clearly show the following:
- All property boundaries and adjacent streets, location and dimensions of rights-of-way, utility lines, fire hydrants, street lighting, and easements;
 - Location of all areas proposed to be cleared;
 - Location, species, and sizes of trees on or immediately abutting the site. This requirement applies only to trees with a caliper of at least six inches (6"), or an alder or cottonwood tree with a caliper of at least eight inches (8"), when measured at fifty-four inches (54") above grade;
 - Clearly identify trees to be retained and to be removed;
 - Future building sites and drip lines of any trees which will overhang/ overlap a construction line. Where the drip line of a tree overlaps an area where construction activities will occur, this shall be indicated on the plan;
 - Show critical areas and buffers.
23. **Tree Retention Worksheet:** Please provide **2 copies** of a completed City of Renton tree retention worksheet.
24. **Arborist Report:** Please provide **4 copies** of an arborist report by a certified arborist or a licensed landscape architect that correlates with the [Tree Retention/Land Clearing Plan](#) and addresses the following:
- Identification scheme used for each tree (e.g. tree number);
 - Species and size of each tree (caliper measured at 54 inches above grade);
 - Reason(s) for any tree removal (e.g. poor health, high risk of failure due to structure, defects, unavoidable isolation (high blow down potential), unsuitability of species, etc.) and for which no reasonable alternative action is possible (pruning, cabling, etc.);
 - For trees proposed to be retained, a complete description of each tree's health, condition, and viability;
 - For trees proposed to be retained, a description of the method(s) used to determine the limits of disturbance (e.g., critical root zone, root plate diameter, or a case-by-case basis description for individual trees);
 - A description of the impact of necessary tree removal to the remaining trees, including those in a grove or on abutting properties;
 - The suggested location and species of supplemental trees to be used when required. The report shall include planting and maintenance specifications;

- An analysis of retained trees according to Priority of Tree Retention Requirements specified in RMC [4-4-130H.1.b](#).

25. **Wetland Assessment:** Please provide **12 copies** of the map and **5 copies** of the report if **ANY** wetlands are located on the subject property or within 100 feet of the subject property. The wetland report/delineation must include the information specified in RMC [4-8-120D](#). In addition, if any alteration to the wetland or buffer is proposed, **5 copies** of a **wetland mitigation plan** is also required. See RMC [4-8-120D](#) for plan content requirements.
26. **Standard Stream or Lake Study:** Please provide **12 copies** of a report containing the information specified in RMC [4-8-120D](#). In addition, if the project involves an unclassified stream, a **supplemental stream or lake study** is also required (**12 copies**). If any alteration to a water-body or buffer is proposed a **supplemental stream or lake study (12 copies)** and a **mitigation plan (12 copies)** are also required. See RMC [4-8-120D](#) for plan content requirements.
27. **Flood Hazard Data:** Please provide **12 copies** of a scaled plan showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, and drainage facilities. Also indicate the following:
- Elevation in relation to mean sea level of the lowest floor (including basement) of all structures
 - Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any structure has been floodproofed
 - Certification by a registered professional engineer or architect that the floodproofing methods criteria in RMC [4-3-050](#) have been met
 - Description of the extent to which a watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development
28. **Biological Assessment/Critical Areas Study:** provide **5 copies** if the project is located in a designated floodplain.
29. **Habitat Data Report:** If the project site contains or abuts a *critical habitat* per RMC [4-3-050G.6](#), please provide **12 copies** of a report containing the information specified in RMC [4-8-120D](#).
30. **Geotechnical Report:** Please provide **5 copies** of a study prepared and stamped by a State of Washington licensed professional engineer including soils and slope stability analysis, boring and test pit logs, and recommendations on slope setbacks, foundation design, retaining wall design, material selection, and all other pertinent elements.
31. **Letter of Understanding Geologic Risk:** Please provide **5 copies** of a letter from the applicant, or the owner of the site, stating that he or she understands and accepts the risk of developing in an unstable area and that he or she will advise, in writing, any prospective purchasers of the site, or any prospective purchasers of structures or portions of structures on the site, of the unstable potential of the area.

32. **Utilities Plan, Generalized (sewer, water, stormwater, transportation improvements):** Please provide **5 copies** of a plan drawn on 22" x 34" plan sheets using a graphic scale of 1" = 40' (or other size or scale approved by the Planning Division) clearly showing all existing (to remain) and proposed public or private improvements to be dedicated or sold to the public including, but not limited to, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, median islands, street trees, fire hydrants, utility poles, free-standing lighting fixtures, utility junction boxes, public utility transformers, etc., along the full property frontage. The finished floor elevations for each floor of proposed and existing (to remain) structures shall also be shown.
33. **Drainage Control Plan:** Please provide **4 copies** of a plan drawn to scale and stamped by a Washington State licensed professional engineer and complying with the requirements of RMC [4-6-030](#) and the [King County Surface Water Management Design Manual](#), 2009 edition, as adopted and amended by the City of Renton.
34. **Drainage Report:** Please provide **4 copies** of a report complying with the requirements of the City of Renton Drafting Standards in RMC [4-6-030](#), the [King County Surface Water Design Manual \(KCSWDM\)](#), 2009 edition, and the [City of Renton Amendments](#) to the KCSWDM, Chapters 1 and 2 as adopted by the City of Renton. The report (TIR) must be stamped and dated by a **civil engineer** and shall contain the following:
- Table of Contents
 - Technical Information Report (TIR) Worksheet
 - Section 1: Project Overview
 - Section 2: Conditions and Requirements Summary
 - Section 3: Offsite Analysis
 - Section 4: Flow Control and Water Quality Facility Analysis and Design
 - Section 5: Conveyance System Analysis and Design
 - Section 6: Special Reports and Studies
 - Section 7: Other Permit
 - Section 8: CSWPPP Analysis and Design
 - Section 9: Bond Quantities, Facility Summaries, and Declaration of Covenant
 - Section 10: Operations and Maintenance Manual.
35. **Street Profiles:** Please provide **12 copies**. The plan should show the profiles and grades of each street, together with typical cross sections indicating width of pavement, location and width of sidewalks, and location and size of utility mains.
36. **Grading Elevations and Plan, Conceptual:** This is required if the proposed grade differential on-site will exceed 24" from the top of the curb or if the amount of earth to be disturbed exceeds 500 cubic yards. Please provide **12 copies** of a 22" x 34" plan drawn by a State of Washington licensed civil engineer or landscape architect at a scale of 1" to 40' (horizontal feet) and 1" to 10' (vertical feet) (or other size plan sheet or scale approved by the Planning Division Plan Review Supervisor) clearly indicating the following:
- Graphic scale and north arrow
 - Dimensions of all property lines, easements, and abutting streets

- Location and dimension of all on-site structures and the location of any structures within 15-feet of the subject property or that may be affected by the proposed work
- Accurate existing and proposed contour lines drawn at two-foot, or less, intervals showing existing ground and details of terrain and area drainage to include surrounding off-site contours within 100-feet of the site
- Location of natural drainage systems, including perennial and intermittent streams and the presence of bordering vegetation
- Setback areas and any areas not to be disturbed
- Finished contours drawn at two foot intervals as a result of grading
- Proposed drainage channels and related construction with associated underground storm lines sized and connections shown
- Finished floor elevation(s) of all structures, existing and proposed

General notes addressing the following (may be listed on cover sheet):

- Area in square feet of the entire property
- Area of work in square feet
- Both the number of tons and cubic yards of soil to be added, removed, or relocated
- Type and location of fill origin, and destination of any soil to be removed from site.

37. **Traffic Study:** Please provide **5 copies** of a report prepared by a State of Washington licensed professional engineer containing the elements and information identified in the City of Renton "[Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines for New Development](#)" in sufficient detail to define potential problems related to the proposed development and identify the improvements necessary to accommodate the development in a safe and efficient manner.
38. **Plan Reductions:** Please provide **one 8 ½" x 11" legible reduction** of each full size plan sheet (unless waived by your Project Planner). The sheets that are always needed in reduced form are: landscape plans, conceptual utility plans, site plan or plat plan, neighborhood detail map, topography map, tree cutting/land clearing plan, critical areas plans, grading plan, and building elevations. The quality of these reductions must be good enough so that a photocopy of the reduced plan sheet is also legible. If your reduced plans are not legible once photocopied, you will need to increase the font size or try a different paper type. Illegible reductions cannot be accepted. Once the reductions have been made, please also make **one 8 ½" x 11" regular photocopy** of each photographic reduction sheet. Some of the local Renton print shops that should be able to provide you with reductions of your plans are Alliance Printing 425-793-5474, Apperson Print Resources 425-251-1850, and PIP Printing 425-226-9656. Nearby print shops are Digital Reprographics 425-882-2600 in Bellevue, Litho Design 206-574-3000 and Reprographics NW/Ford Graphics 206-624-2040.
39. **Digital Copy:** Please provide a digital copy of each of the submittal items; this can be submitted either on a CD, a USB portable (flash/hard) drive, other device or pathway as approved by your assigned project manager.
40. **Colored Maps for Display (DO NOT MOUNT ON FOAM-CORE OR OTHER BACKING):** Please color **1 copy** of each of the following full size plan sheets (24" x 36") or other size approved

by the Planning Division) with a 1/4" or larger felt tip marker for use in presenting the project to the Environmental Review Committee and at any required public hearing:

- Neighborhood Detail Map
- Site Plan
- Landscaping Plan
- Elevations

Please fold colored displays to 8 ½" x 11".

The following colors are required:

Red-North Arrow, outer property boundary. Proposed new lot lines (dashed). Do not color existing lot lines which are to be eliminated or relocated.

Blue-Street names identified with lettering of at least 1" in height. Street names must be legible at a distance of 15-ft.

Brown-Existing buildings (Please do not color buildings which will be demolished or removed)

Yellow-Proposed buildings

Light Green-Landscaped areas

Dark Green-Areas of undisturbed vegetation

All Plans and Attachments must be folded to 8½" by 11"

REVIEW PROCESS: The platting process is comprised of three basic steps.

1. Preliminary Plat Application
2. Installation of street and utility improvements according to the approved Preliminary Plat
3. Final Plat Application

This handout covers only the first step in the process – the Preliminary Plat Application and approval process.

Once a complete land use application package has been accepted for initial review, the Planning Division will post three notices of the pending application at or near the subject site and mail notices to property owners within 300 feet of the project site. The notice will list a tentative hearing date. The proposal will be routed to other City departments and other jurisdictions or agencies that may have an interest in the application. The reviewers have two weeks to return their comments to the Planning Division. Then the Planning Division will prepare a report regarding the proposal's compliance with applicable codes and the City's review criteria.

The application will then be presented to the City's *Environmental Review Committee*. The Environmental Review Committee is comprised of the Administrator of Public Works, the Administrator of Community and Economic Development, the Administrator of Community Services, and the Fire Chief. The Committee is responsible for determining whether the proposal will result in significant

adverse environmental impacts. To do this, the committee will consider such issues as environmental health hazards, wetlands, groundwater, energy and natural resources and will then issue its decision (Environmental Threshold Determination).

The Environmental Review Committee will either issue a:

- **Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**-Make a determination the proposal will have no significant negative environmental impacts, or
- **Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (DNS-M)**-Make a determination the proposal, if modified, would have no significant negative environmental impacts, or
- **Determination of Significance (DS)**-Make a determination the proposal will have significant adverse environmental impacts and require the applicant to submit an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by a qualified consultant

Once the Environmental Review Committee has issued its Environmental Threshold Determination (provided an EIS is not required), a public notice of the Determination is printed in the *Renton Reporter* and three notices are posted at or near the site. This notice also lists the public hearing date. A 14-day appeal period commences following the publication date. At the discretion of the City, a separate and additional 15-day comment period may be added prior to the 14-day appeal period.

After the fourteen (14) day appeal period has ended, the project can be scheduled for public hearing before the City Hearing Examiner, provided no appeals have been filed.

A public hearing is required. After review of the proposal and any staff or public comments, the Planning Division staff will forward a report and recommendation and the Environmental Review Committee decision to the Hearing Examiner prior to the hearing. This report will be mailed to all persons listed on the Master Application and all parties of record. Notice of the public hearing will be published in the *Renton Reporter* at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the public hearing for their proposal. City staff will first make a presentation to the Hearing Examiner about the proposal. Then the applicant and any citizens in support of the proposal will give testimony. When giving testimony, names and addresses must be stated for the record. Following this, individuals with neutral or opposing comments will give their testimony to the Hearing Examiner. City staff or the applicant will address additional questions raised throughout the hearing. The Hearing Examiner will review the application concurrently with any environmental appeals and issue a final decision(s) within fourteen (14) days of the hearing unless, at the time of the public hearing, the Hearing Examiner indicates additional time will be required for issuance of the decision. The decision to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the proposal will be mailed to all persons listed on the Master Application and all parties of record.

APPEAL AND RECONSIDERATION PROCESS FOR DECISIONS: Any person, including the applicant, aggrieved by the Hearing Examiner's decision may make a written application for reconsideration to the Hearing Examiner within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of the decision. After review of the reconsideration request, the Hearing Examiner may take whatever action is deemed proper. The

Hearing Examiner's written decision on the reconsideration request will be mailed to all parties of record within ten (10) days from the date the request was filed.

If any party with standing is still not satisfied after a reconsideration decision has been issued, an appeal may be submitted within fourteen (14) days to the City Council. An appeal may be filed with the Council without first requesting reconsideration by the Hearing Examiner; however, it must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the date the original decision was issued. After the Council's decision is issued there will be a 21-day appeal period, during which time an appeal may be filed with Superior Court. See RMC [4-8-110](#) for further information on the appeal process and time frames.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUANCE AND INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS: In the City of Renton, a **Construction Permit** must be obtained to install utility lines, transportation improvements and undertake work in City right-of-ways.

Applicants may apply for construction permits concurrently with their request for a land use application. However, the applicant should be aware any conditions of land use permit approval may create a need for revisions to other permit applications whereby additional fees may be charged. Refunds of construction permit charges are not available.

If no appeals or reconsideration requests are filed within 14 days of the effective date of the decision to approve the application, the applicant may obtain construction permits. A construction permit for the installation of on-site and off-site utilities will be issued upon the review and approval of civil engineering drawings by the Division's Public Works Section and receipt of all applicable development and permit fees.

INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS/CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: Prior to applying for Final Plat approval, all required improvements must be installed. The developer shall obtain all necessary construction permits and pay all fees and inspection costs. **Typically, a Final Plat application cannot be processed until required improvements have been satisfactorily installed.**

DEFERRAL OF IMPROVEMENTS: If a developer wishes to defer certain on-site or off-site improvements (i.e. landscaping, curbs and sidewalks), written application with full and complete engineering drawings must be submitted to Development Engineering. The application should explain the reasons why such delay is necessary. If approval is granted, security in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, set-aside fund, assignment of funds, or certified check shall be furnished to the City in an amount equal to a minimum of 150% of the estimated cost of the required improvements.

EXPIRATION AND EXTENSIONS: Once an application has been approved, the applicant has five years to comply with all conditions of approval and to submit for Final Plat before the approval becomes null and void. In order to revitalize an expired Preliminary Plat, a new application must be submitted to the Planning Division. One one-year extension shall be granted to an applicant who files a written request with the Administrator at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of this five (5) year period, provided the applicant demonstrates that he/she has attempted in good faith to submit the final plat within the five (5) year period. It is the responsibility of the sub-divider to monitor the expiration date.

ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS: Additional time extensions beyond this one-year time period may be granted by the Hearing Examiner if the applicant can show need caused by unusual circumstances or situations which make it unduly burdensome to file the final plat within the five (5) year time period. The applicant must file a written request with the Hearing Examiner and the CED Department for this additional time extension; this request must be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the plat expiration date. The request must include documentation as to the need for the additional time period.

PHASED SUBDIVISION: In the case of a phased subdivision, final plat approval by the Hearing Examiner of any phase of the preliminary plat will constitute an automatic one-year extension for the filing of the next phase of the subdivision.

PLAT AMENDMENTS: At any time after preliminary plat approval and before final plat approval, the applicant may submit an application to the Administrator that proposes an amendment to the approved or conditionally approved preliminary plat. The Administrator shall have the authority to determine whether the proposed amendment qualifies as a major or minor amendment.

MAJOR PLAT AMENDMENTS: Major amendments to an approved or pending plat application shall require a new application. For major amendments that due to extraordinary circumstances would result in a highly unreasonable and unconscionable burden on the applicant or plat holder, if the applicant or plat holder was required to go through a new application process, the Administrator may permit the major amendment to be treated as a minor amendment.

MINOR PLAT AMENDMENTS: Minor plat amendments may be reviewed and permitted as part of final plat approval. To be considered a minor amendment, the amendment must not:

- Decrease the aggregate area of open space in the subdivision by ten percent (10%) or more;
- Increase the number of lots in the subdivision beyond the number previously approved;
- Result in a violation of development standards;
- Relocate any roadway access point to an exterior street from the plat;
- Propose phasing of plat development; or
- Increase significantly any adverse impacts or undesirable effects of the plat on the community or surrounding area.