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REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

- MINUTES -

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Present: Ty Peterson, Lisa Verner, Devon Shannon, Wally Archuleta, Randy Sandin, Steve Roberge and Sheryl Lux.

1. How is KCC 20.20.060.I met when the local newspaper goes out of business?

Background

KCC 20.20.060.I calls for a notice of application to be published in two newspapers. The section reads:

- I. The notice of application shall be published by the department within fourteen days after the department's determination of completeness in the official county newspaper and another newspaper of general circulation in the affected area.

The "official county newspaper" is the county's newspaper of record, The Seattle Times. The other is typically the newspaper of the local area. On February 24, the Issaquah Press went out of business. It had published local newspapers in the communities of Issaquah, Sammamish, Newcastle and the Snoqualmie Valley, in addition to offering eastside news websites.

Discussion

Where there is no local newspaper, KCC 20.20.060.I should be met by identifying the next closest newspaper of general circulation and that publication should be used to publish notice.

A code amendment has been proposed.

Conclusion

The next closest newspaper of general circulation should be used to meet the requirements of KCC 20.20.060.I when the newspaper of local circulation goes out of business, in addition to putting the notice on DPER's website and publishing it in the newspaper of record.

2. Driveways to residential accessory buildings under KCC 21A.18.110.I

Background

Staff have asked for clarification on what type of access applicants are required to establish for new residential accessory structures. This includes access for construction as well as access that relates to the proposed use of the structure.

KCC 21A.18.110.I: All vehicle parking and storage for single detached dwellings must be in a garage, carport or on an approved impervious surface. Any impervious surface used for vehicle parking or storage must have direct and unobstructed driveway access.

Discussion

When residential site plans are submitted, the applicant is requested to show how vehicles will get to the accessory buildings to demonstrate that there is unobstructed driveway access. If the accessory building will be used to store cars and other non-farm vehicles, there must be access to the building shown on the site plans; the access can be gravel or paved access. However, if the accessory building is a barn or other agricultural building and farm equipment will be stored in the barn, then driveway access is not required to be shown.

Conclusion

Where access is necessary for construction of the proposed structure, applicants should show the location of temporary construction access on their plans.

For access related to use of the structure, applicants must communicate the intended use of the building. Staff will then decide what type of access will be required on a case-by-case basis based on type of use proposed, location of structure on the property and frequency and duration of use.