Re: Public Comment on the proposed 2nd Draft of the Shoreline Master Program Regulations

December 23, 2011

Standards for Parking (SMC 23.60.162)

The language “Waivers shall not be granted if they encourage the use of scarce on street parking in the neighborhood surrounding the development” is deleted in the draft proposal and street parking availability should remain a valid constraint.

Plats filed in the late 19th century often included affordable 2500 square foot lots for residential development in areas where transportation was provided by small passenger boats and cable cars. Today, the old houses and compact neighborhoods provide Seattle with cherished historic character. Frequently, these small lots do not accommodate vehicle storage and as a result residents rely on street parking.

Supporting the existing residential uses of land surrounding Seattle's shoreline areas is consistent with shoreline management goals of preserving views of the water and protecting the shoreline's ecological function.

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