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**CITY OF SEATTLE  
ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Application Number:** 3004732  
**Applicant Name:** Brittani Ard  
**Address of Proposal:** 13704 Burke Ave N

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION**

Land Use Application to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Proposed parcel sizes are: Parcel X) 4,299.5 sq. ft. and Y) 4,298.8 sq. ft. Existing structures are to be demolished.

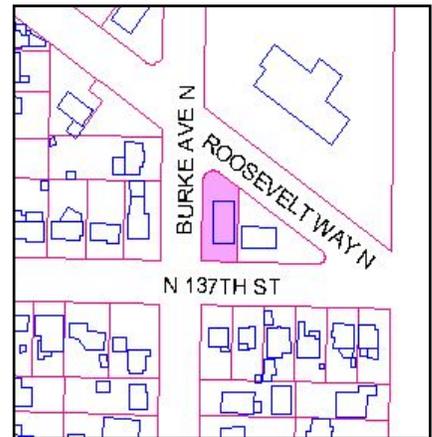
The Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) requires the following approval:

**Short Subdivision** - to create two parcels of land pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code 23.24.

**SEPA DETERMINATION:**  Exempt  DNS  MDNS  EIS  
 DNS with conditions  
 DNS involving non-exempt grading or demolition or involving another agency with jurisdiction

**BACKGROUND DATA**

The 8,598.3 square foot site is located in a Single Family Residential zone with a minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet (SF5000). Using the street grid as a site location reference, the proposal is located northeast of the intersection of Burke Ave N and N 137<sup>th</sup> St. The parcels are currently configured as two lots, developed with two single family residences with greater than 118.51 feet of street frontage along Roosevelt Way N, 77.85 feet of street frontage along N 137<sup>th</sup> St and 110.62 feet of street frontage along Burke Ave N.



**Proposal**

The proposal is to subdivide two parcels into two parcels. Proposed parcel sizes are: X) 4,299.5 sq. ft. and Y) 4,298.8 sq. ft. The existing structures are to be removed prior to sale and/or transfer of ownership. Pedestrian and vehicle access will be determined at the time of building permit review.

The subject of this analysis and decision is only the proposed division of land.

### Public Notice and Comment Period

Public notice of the Land Use Application was given on March 10, 2007. The public comment period ended on March 23, 2007. The Land Use Application file is available at the Public Resource Center, at 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 2000. (<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/prc/>).

### ANALYSIS - SHORT SUBDIVISION

Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 23.24.040, the Director shall, after conferring with appropriate officials, use the following criteria to determine whether to grant, condition, or deny a short plat:

1. *Conformance to the applicable Land Use Code provisions;*
2. *Adequacy of access for vehicles, utilities, and fire protection, as provided in Section 23.53.005;*
3. *Adequacy of drainage, water supply, and sanitary sewage disposal;*
4. *Whether the public use and interests are served by permitting the proposed division of land;*
5. *Conformance to the applicable provisions of SMC Section 25.09.240, short subdivision and subdivisions, in environmentally critical areas;*
6. *Is designed to maximize the retention of existing trees;*
7. *Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.045, Unit lot subdivisions, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating separate lots of record for the construction and/or transfer of title of townhouses, cottage housing, clustered housing, or single-family housing.*
8. *Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.046, multiple single-family dwelling units on a single-family lot, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating two (2) or more lots from one (1) lot with more than one (1) existing single-family dwelling unit.*

Based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from the Drainage Section, the Fire Department, Seattle Public Utilities (City Light and the Water Department), and review by the Land Use Planner, the following findings are made with respect to the above-cited criteria:

1. *Conformance to the applicable Land Use Code provisions;*

The subject property is zoned for single family residential use with a minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet (SF5000) or as provided in SMC 23.44.010B.1.b. The allowed use in a single family zone is one dwelling unit per lot, with accessory dwellings permitted within the principal structure in accordance with SMC 23.44.041. Maximum lot coverage is 35% or 1,750 square feet, whichever is greater. Front setbacks are an average of the neighboring adjacent lots, or 20 feet, whichever is less. The minimum side yard setback is 5 feet. Minimum required rear yard is 25 feet or 20 percent of the lot depth and in no case less than 10 feet. The lots created by this proposed division of land will conform to all development standards of the SF5000 zoning designation. The proposed parcels meet the minimum lot size requirement of the zone and provide adequate buildable area to meet applicable yards, lot coverage requirements, and other Land Use Code development standards.

2. *Adequacy of access for vehicles, utilities, and fire protection, as provided in Section 23.53.005;*

The proposed parcels will have vehicle access from a public right-of-way.

The Seattle Fire Department has no objection to the proposed short plat.

Seattle City Light provides electrical service to the proposed short plat and may require an easement to provide for electrical facilities and service to the proposed lots.

All private utilities are available in this area. This short plat provides for adequate access for vehicles, utilities, and fire protection.

3. *Adequacy of drainage, water supply, and sanitary sewage disposal;*

This area is served with domestic water, sanitary sewer, and storm drain facilities by the City of Seattle. Availability of water service is subject to conditions as imposed by Seattle Public Utilities and Water Availability Certificate No. 20070813, issued on May 9, 2007.

New construction with discharge to the sanitary sewer requires a side sewer permit. Plan review requirements regarding stormwater will be made at the time of building permit application.

4. *Whether the public use and interests are served by permitting the proposed division of land;*

One objective of the short subdivision process is to increase opportunities for new housing development in order to ensure that there will be adequate capacity for future housing need. The proposed short subdivision will meet all the applicable Land Use Code provisions. The proposed development has adequate access for vehicles, utilities and fire protection, and has adequate drainage, water supply and sanitary sewage disposal. The public use and interest will be served with this proposal because additional opportunities for housing would be provided within the City limits as a result of this subdivision.

5. *Conformance to the applicable provisions of SMC Section 25.09.240, short subdivision and subdivisions, in environmentally critical areas;*

This site is not located in any environmentally critical area as defined in SMC 25.09.240. There are no environmentally critical areas mapped or otherwise observed on the site.

6. *Is designed to maximize the retention of existing trees;*

The proposal has been designed to maximize the retention of existing trees on the property. Future construction will be subject to the provisions of SMC 23.44.008 and SMC 25.11 which sets forth tree planting requirements and tree preservation regulations on single family lots.

7. *Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.045, Unit lot subdivisions, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating separate lots of record for the construction and/or transfer of title of townhouses, cottage housing, clustered housing, or single-family housing.*

This Short Subdivision is not a unit subdivision. Thus, this section is not applicable to this short plat proposal.

8. *Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.046, multiple single-family dwelling units on a single-family lot, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating two (2) or more lots from one (1) lot with more than one (1) existing single-family dwelling unit.*

This Short Subdivision is not a multiple single-family dwelling unit subdivision. Thus, this section is not applicable to this short plat proposal.

**DECISION - SHORT SUBDIVISION**

The proposed short plat is **CONDITIONALLY GRANTED**.

**CONDITIONS - SHORT SUBDIVISION**

*Prior to Recording*

1. Have final recording documents prepared by or under the supervision of a Washington state licensed land surveyor. Each lot, parcel, or tract created by the short subdivision shall be surveyed in accordance with appropriate State statutes. The property corners set shall be identified on the plat and encroachments such as side yard easements, fences or structures shall be shown. Lot areas shall be shown on the plat. All existing structures, principal and accessory, shall be shown on the face of the plat, and their distances to the proposed property lines dimensioned.
2. Submit the final recording forms for approval and any necessary fees.

*Future Construction Applications*

3. At the time of a building permit application intake, the applicant shall submit a permanent drainage control plan. If the proposed method of stormwater control is on-site infiltration, the design must be stamped and signed by a geotechnical engineer.
4. A copy of this short subdivision shall be attached to all related building permit applications or revisions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature on file) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: June 14, 2007  
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