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

**Application Number:** 3005555  
**Applicant Name:** Brittani Ard  
**Address of Proposal:** 8721 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION**

Land Use Application to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Proposed parcel sizes are: A) 3,800.9 sq. ft. and B) 3,797.1 sq. ft. Existing structure to be demolished.

The following approval is required:

**Short Subdivision** – to create two lots pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 23.24.045.

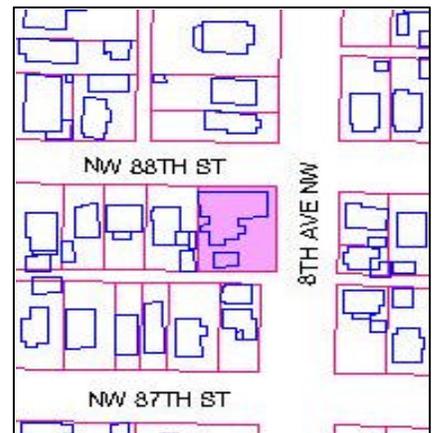
**SEPA DETERMINATION:**  Exempt  DNS  MDNS  EIS  
 DNS with conditions  
 DNS involving non-exempt grading, or demolition, or involving another agency with jurisdiction.

**BACKGROUND DATA**

The subject property is 7,598 square feet in size and is zoned SF5000. The lot has 98.54 feet of street frontage along 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and 77.02 feet of street frontage along NW 88<sup>th</sup> St. Both streets at this location are developed with curbs or sidewalks on abutting side of the street pavement.

**Proposal Description**

The applicant proposes to short subdivide one parcel into two lots. Proposed parcel sizes are: A) 3,800.9 square feet and B) 3,797.1 square feet. Pedestrian and vehicle access for lot A would be from



NW 88<sup>th</sup> St and for lot B could be from either 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW or NW 88<sup>th</sup> St.

### Public Comment

Public notice of the Land Use Application was given on April 12, 2007. The extended public comment period ended on May 9, 2007. The Land Use Application file is available for review at the Public Resource Center, 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 2000. (<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/prc/location.htm>).

### **ANALYSIS - SHORT SUBDIVISION**

Pursuant to 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 (SF 5000) 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 SF 5000 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;*

Vehicle access for lot A could be from NW 88<sup>th</sup> St and for lot B could be from either 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW or NW 88<sup>th</sup> St.

Seattle City Light provides electrical service to the subject property and has not indicated that an easement is required for overhead and underground infrastructure. If Seattle City Light requires an easement, it shall be included on the final plat prior to recording.

The Seattle Fire Department has reviewed and approved this proposal for adequacy of access for emergency vehicles.

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. 20070698, issued on April 20, 2007.

New construction with discharge to the sanitary sewer requires a side sewer permit. Plan review requirements regarding stormwater were 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 subdivision could not be designed or changed in a way that would retain more trees than the proposed design. Thus, 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. Based on the applicant's information, there are no significant trees located on the site.

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. If Seattle City Light requires an easement to provide for electrical facilities and service to the proposed lots the final Short Subdivision plat shall include the following statement. *“An easement is granted to Seattle City Light as shown on page \_\_ of \_\_.”*
3. Submit the final recording forms for approval and any necessary fees.

*Prior to Construction Applications*

4. A copy of this short subdivision shall be attached to all related building permit applications or revisions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature on file) Date: May 28, 2007  
Colin R. Vasquez, Senior Land Use Planner

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