



City of Seattle

Department of Planning and Development
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**CITY OF SEATTLE
ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Application Number: 3013038
Applicant Name: Julie Le Doux
Address of Proposal: 921 M L King Jr. Way S.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into five unit lots. The construction of residential units has been approved under Project #6168488 in an environmentally critical area. SEPA Review conducted under Project #3008690. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

The following approval is required:

Short Subdivision – to create five unit lots. (SMC Chapter 23.24)

BACKGROUND DATA

Zoning: Lowrise Three Multifamily Residential (LR3).
Uses on Site: Residential development approved under DPD Permit No. 6168488.
Public Comment: No comment letters were received during the public comment period which ended on February 22, 2012.

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, as modified by this chapter;*
2. *Adequacy of access for pedestrians, vehicles, utilities and fire protection as provided in Section 23.53.005, Access to lots, and Section 23.53.006, Pedestrian access and circulation;*
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 Section 25.09.240, Short subdivisions and subdivisions, in environmentally critical areas;*
6. *Whether the proposed division of land 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; and*
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.*

Summary - Short Subdivision

Based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from DPD and other City Departments and review and analysis by the Land Use Planner, the above criteria have been met. The unit lot subdivision meets all minimum standards or applicable exceptions set forth in the Land Use Code. This unit lot subdivision will provide pedestrian and vehicular access (including emergency vehicles), and public and private utilities. Adequate provisions for drainage control, water supply and sanitary sewage disposal have been provided for each unit lot and service is assured, subject to standard conditions governing utility extensions. Unit lot subdivisions are not subject to SMC 25.09.240. Tree and landscaping requirements were considered under the building permit review. The public use and interest are served by the proposal since all applicable criteria are met and the proposal creates the potential for additional housing opportunities in the City.

ANALYSIS –UNIT LOT SUBDIVISION

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.

- A. *The provisions of this section apply exclusively to the unit subdivision of land for townhouses, cottage housing developments, and cluster development for housing, as permitted in Single-Family, Residential Small Lot and Lowrise zones, and for single-family dwelling units in Lowrise zones, or any combination of the above types of residential development, as permitted in the applicable zones.*
- B. *Except for any site for which a permit has been issued pursuant to Section 23.44.041 for a detached accessory dwelling unit, sites developed or proposed to be developed with dwelling units listed in subsection A above may be subdivided into individual unit lots. The development as a whole shall meet development standards applicable at the time the permit application is vested. As a result of the subdivision, development on individual unit lots may be nonconforming as to some or all of the development standards based on analysis of the individual unit lot, except that any private, usable open space or private amenity area for each dwelling unit shall be provided on the same lot as the dwelling unit it serves.*
- C. *Subsequent platting actions, additions or modifications to the structure(s) may not create or increase any nonconformity of the parent lot.*
- D. *Access easements and joint use and maintenance agreements shall be executed for use of common garage or parking areas, common open space (such as common courtyard open space for cottage housing), and other similar features, as recorded with the Director of the King County Department of Records and Elections.*
- E. *Within the parent lot, required parking for a dwelling unit may be provided on a different unit lot than the lot with the dwelling unit, as long as the right to use that parking is formalized by an easement on the plat, as recorded with the Director of the King County Department of Records and Elections.*
- F. *The fact that the unit lot is not a separate buildable lot, and that additional development of the individual unit lots may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot shall be noted on the plat, as recorded with the Director of the King County Department of Records and Elections.*

Summary - Unit Lot Subdivision

Review of this application shows that the proposed short subdivision conforms to applicable standards of SMC 23.24.045. The structures, as reviewed under the separate building permit, conform to the development standards for the time the permit application was vested. To assure that future owners have constructive notice that additional development may be limited; the applicant will be required to add a note to the face of the plat that reads as follows: *“The lots created by unit subdivision are not separate building lots. Additional development on any individual unit lot in this unit subdivision may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot pursuant to applicable provisions of the Seattle Land Use Code.”* A joint use and maintenance agreement and City Light easement will be required prior to recording.

DECISION – UNIT LOT SUBDIVISION

The proposed Unit Lot Subdivision is **GRANTED**.

Signature: _____ (signature on file)
Molly Hurley, Senior Land Use Planner
Department of Planning and development

Date: March 5, 2012

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