



City of Seattle

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

**Application Number:** 2502100  
**Applicant Name:** Robert Livingston  
**Address of Proposal:** 1253 SW Othello Street

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION**

Land Use Permit to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Proposed parcel sizes are: A) 7,203 sq. ft. and B) 11,472 sq. ft. The existing structure will remain.

The following approval is required:

**Short Subdivision** - to create two parcels of land.  
(SMC Chapter 23.24)

**BACKGROUND DATA**

Zoning: SF 7200  
Uses on Site: Single family residence.

Public Comment: Two comment letters were received during the comment period which ended August 24, 2005. One neighbor requested underground wiring for the lot. Another letter expressed concerns about a nearby pond that is home to dozens of ducks, and an owl and woodpecker that were displaced by previous development in the neighborhood.

**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;*

Summary - Short Subdivision

Based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from DPD, Water (SWD), Fire Departments (SFD), Seattle City Light, and Parks and review by the Land Use Planner, the above cited criteria have been met subject to the conditions imposed at the end of this decision. The lots to be created by this short subdivision will meet all minimum standards or applicable exceptions of the set forth in the Land Use Code, and are consistent with applicable development standards. As conditioned, this short subdivision can be provided with vehicular access, public and private utilities and access (including emergency vehicles). Adequate provisions for drainage control, water supply and sanitary sewage disposal have been provided for each lot and service is assured, subject to standard conditions governing utility extensions. The proposal site is not located in an environmentally critical area; therefore, the requirements of SMC 25.09.240 are not applicable. The proposed plat maximizes the retention of existing trees. 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.

**DECISION – SHORT PLAT**

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

**CONDITIONS – SHORT PLAT**

Conditions of Approval Prior to Recording

The owner(s) and/or responsible party(s) shall:

1. Provide on the plat a joint use and maintenance agreement.
2. Add the conditions of approval after recording on the face of the plat or on a separate page. If the conditions are on a separate page, insert on the plat “For conditions of approval after recording see page \_\_\_ of \_\_\_.”
3. Provide on the plat the required Seattle City Light easement.
4. 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. The lot areas of each parcel shall be shown on the recording documents.

5. Provide an easement, covenant, or other legal agreement for an address sign to benefit all units at a location visible from **SW Othello Street** and to ensure that the address signage is maintained.
6. Submit the recording fee and final recording forms for approval.
7. Comply with 2003 Seattle Fire Code Sections 503.1.1 Buildings and facilities, 503.2.1 Dimensions, and 503.2.5 Dead Ends or the code exceptions.
8. Address the zoning corrections from the August 19, 2005 correction sheet.

Prior to Issuance of any Building Permit

9. The owner(s) and/or responsible party(s) shall attach a copy of the recorded short subdivision to all permit application plans for any application for a permit to construct, demolish, or change use.

Signature: (signature on file)  
Malli Anderson, Land Use Planner  
Department of Planning and Development

Date: May 8, 2006