



VARIANCE REQUEST
PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY

Application Fee: \$330.00 + \$9.90 (3% tech fee) = \$339.90

WHATCOM COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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Instructions:

Please fill out the applicant and property information and answer all of the questions on the next page regarding the variance request.

A variance may be granted from the provisions of the Drinking Water Ordinance when the result of the variance meets the purpose and intent of the ordinance and the variance will not create a health hazard.

In granting variances and modifications, the Director may require such conditions as will, in its judgment, secure substantially the objectives of the requirements so varied.

Attach the well log and any technical justification and/or mitigation information that applies to the variance request.

Supply a scale site plan on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper and show distances to all relevant features such as: wells, all onsite sewage system components (septic tanks, drain fields, reserve drain fields), property lines, water lines, sewer lines, utility lines, buildings, easements, surface water, wetlands, slope direction, and any other potential source of contamination within 100ft of the well.

Applicant Information:

Applicant/Owner(s): Phone:
Address: City: State: Zip:
Contact Person: Phone:
Email and/or Alternate Contact:

Property Information: [] New Well Site [] Existing Well

Tax Parcel Number (twelve digit number):

2nd Tax Parcel Number (twelve digit number):

Project Type (check one): [] Single [] Shared (2) [] ADU (2) [] Commercial (1 or 2) [] Plat (1or 2)

Address of Project:

Building Permit Number: Plat Name: Lot:

Well Location (if different) Tax Parcel Number (twelve digits):

I certify that I have read and examined this application with attachments and know the same to be true and correct. I understand that nothing in this approval shall be construed as satisfying other applicable federal, state, or local, statutes, ordinances or regulations and that information submitted is subject to the Public Records Act RCW 42.56.

Sign: Print: Date:

For Health Department Use Only:

[] Approved Variance Request
Conditions:

[] Denied Variance Request
Reasons:

Supervisor or Manager: Date:

Variance Request Questions:

From what requirement are you requesting a variance?

Why are you unable to meet the requirement?

List any technical justification and supportive mitigation measures intended (attach supportive documentation as needed).

Criteria Set:

The Applicant must read and affirm compliance with all the criteria set below and must disclose any information to the contrary before a variance may be granted.

The variance shall not constitute a grant of special privilege, be based upon reasons of hardship caused by previous actions of the property owner, nor be granted for financial reasons alone.

Applicant Initial: _____

The strict application of the requirements of the ordinance would cause a hardship because of special circumstances applicable to the subject property, including size, shape, topography, environmental constraints or location. Aesthetic considerations or design preferences without reference to restrictions based upon the physical characteristics of the property do not constitute sufficient hardship under this section.

Applicant Initial: _____

The granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to other property.

Applicant Initial: _____

The granting of the variance will not be unduly detrimental to the public welfare nor injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity and subarea in which the subject property is located.

Applicant Initial: _____

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The **subdivision/building permit** is located in an area that is governed by chapter 173-501 WAC and in which instream flows are not met and/or are subject to closure. In compliance with **chapter 58.17 RCW/RCW 19.27.097** the County has determined adequate potable water is available for this **subdivision/building permit** on the basis of evidence supplied by the Applicant. Other authorities, including courts of competent jurisdiction and the Department of Ecology, exercise jurisdiction over water resources in the state of Washington. Those authorities may determine that the proposed source of water for this project identified by the Applicant is not a valid water right appropriation or is subject to curtailment or seasonal restrictions on availability that could impact its reliability for the intended use. The County's issuance of this **subdivision/building permit** should not be relied upon by the Applicant or any successor in interest as an assurance, warranty or guarantee of the future availability of water to serve the **subdivision/building permit**.