



Short Plat/Subdivision Requirements and Instructions

A person proposing a subdivision where the use of an On-Site Sewage System (OSS) is planned shall obtain a recommendation from the local health officer as required by RCW 58.17.150. The local health officer reviews subdivision applications for conformance with acceptable site/soil evaluations, minimum lot sizes, horizontal setbacks, and well locations and protections. (*WAC 246-272A-0320*).

Specific Requirements:

Soil Test Holes

A minimum of one soil test hole, at least five (5) feet deep and at least 24 inches wide, in the area of the proposed drainfield area (preferably dug with a backhoe) on each proposed lot with the subdivision. Additional test holes may be required if poor soil conditions are found. Test holes shall be provided with adequate egress by the inspector, who may not enter the holes if they are deemed unsafe or unsatisfactory in dimension.

Map

Application for inspection must include a map noting proposed lot boundaries with the soil test holes locations, the location of any existing OSS and wells located on the property or within 100-ft of the property boundaries.

Miscellaneous

Proposed lot lines and test holes must be **flagged** on the site. It is strongly recommended to flag difficult-to-locate areas with additional flagging material.

Uncovering of **existing septic tanks** may be necessary for the Health Department evaluation.

Ensure that **excessive vegetation** has been trimmed back for test hole identification and accessibility.

Specific **directions to the property** are necessary, including any information relating to access codes or locked gates, and/or any animals that may be present on site.

If a previous, current Site/Soil Evaluation was performed, or if an existing OSS is installed, provide this information with the Application. This information may be utilized in lieu of digging additional holes; however, please note that additional test holes may be required for lots currently utilizing OSS for evaluating future drainfield replacement areas (Reserve Areas).

The Health Department charges a fee of \$250 plus \$50 per lot for test hole evaluations of short plats and subdivisions (as established by the Board of Health). This fee is collected by the Planning Official as well as the application, which is forwarded to the Health Department for review. Upon review, the Health Department may contact the applicant directly regarding any information provided. Once the proposed subdivision is evaluated, written recommendations by the Health Department will be made to the Planning Official.

Approval of a short plat or subdivision does not guarantee that permits for OSS will be issued. Complete Site/Soil Evaluations must be performed and a design approved before OSS permits can be issued.

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SHORT PLAT/SUBDIVISION APPLICATION

DATE: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Directions to Site: _____

Parcel # or SSA # _____ Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

WATER SUPPLY

SQUARE FOOTAGE

Existing Public Water Supply
Name: _____

Lot 1: _____

Lot 2: _____

Proposed Public Water Supply
Name: _____

Lot 3: _____

Lot 4: _____

Individual Wells (private)
(All lots must be larger than 1 acre)

Lot 5: _____

Lot 6: _____

Soil logs and site have been properly prepared.

(attach additional sheet if necessary)

Will call Health Department when ready.

Map noting proposed lot boundaries with soil log hole locations attached.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

WATER SUPPLY

Public Water Supply: Water Adequacy~ Yes No

Letter with Intent~ Yes No

Source Location ~ Covenants and Easements-Acceptable

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND LOT SIZE

Soil Depth Acceptable Lot size acceptable

By: _____ Date: _____

COMMENTS: _____

Approval of this plat does not guarantee that permits for on-site sewage disposal will be issued.