

April 4, 2025

James Gray, Building Official  
City of Issaquah  
130 E Sunset Way  
Issaquah, WA 98027

Project: Issaquah High School #4 & Elementary School #17  
Building Permit No. BLD21-00025

Subject: Extension Request

Dear James,

The Issaquah School District submits this letter to request an extension pursuant to Section 16.04.010 of the Issaquah Municipal Code (IMC) for the above-referenced Building Permit. Issaquah School District requests an extension to approved permits for one year to address additional necessary review time related to unique circumstances associated with the project, all as consistent with IMC requirements.

#### Building Permit

IMC Section 16.04.010 provides for an extension of a building permit subject to specified criteria. Our request is for an extension based on part b, provided below for reference.

*b. Any other City review is in progress; provided, the applicant has submitted a complete response to City requests or the Building Official determines that unique or unusual circumstances exist that warrant additional time for such response, and the Building Official determines that the review is proceeding in a timely manner toward final City decision;*

The unique nature of the Project permitting requires additional time to respond to City review. Specifically, the on-site permits fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Issaquah and the frontage improvements are a combination of the City of Issaquah and City of Sammamish. This unique situation requires additional time and coordination related to the project as a whole. While the City of Issaquah has approved the permits for onsite work, the related off-site permitting and how that affects access to the site, and some of the on-site work, is vital to the success of the project. Below please find a few examples of items still being reviewed with one or both of the jurisdictions:

1. Drive isle widths from 228<sup>th</sup> onto the project site. The City of Sammamish is continuing to review the turning movements and design to ensure the project will not impact traffic on 228<sup>th</sup>.

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2. Frontage wall tiering on 228<sup>th</sup>. The City of Issaquah's comments about the height of the walls on the 228<sup>th</sup> frontage (caused by the widened roadway and steep conditions) requires additional work and coordination with Issaquah to maintain the proposed condition while addressing needs via the on-site tree save areas.
3. Wall within Issaquah right of way. The City of Issaquah requested that the soldier pile wall on 43<sup>rd</sup> be set back from the right of way to meet the City Code. The proposed wall type proposed is to limit impacts to neighboring parcels and avoid additional offsite easements. This comment is still being coordinated with Issaquah.

While this list does not include the full permitting history or ongoing review, we believe it demonstrates a unique circumstance that warrants additional time for response. We are actively working with both jurisdictions to obtain offsite permits and allow the project to move forward.

Based on the above referenced information we request the Building Permits be extended one year to April 27, 2026.

If you have any questions, please call me at (425) 864-2059 or email me at MullinsT@issaquah.wednet.edu.

Sincerely,



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Issaquah School District

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