



## Public Works Permitting

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### Application to Public Works Director for Waiver of Requirement to Extend Water/Sewer Main ("Last Lot Served Waiver")

Case # \_\_\_\_\_

The Public Works Director is authorized to waive the water and sewer main extension requirements of BMC 15.08 and 15.12 in those limited circumstances where the parcel is the last developable lot capable of connecting to or using such main extension.

#### **Application Requirements**

- Completed Application for Last Lot Served Waiver.
- Materials relevant to the requested waiver, i.e. maps, project narrative, correspondence, etc.
- Names and addresses of anyone who might be impacted by this decision.

Description of determination request, including applicable code sections:

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#### **Plans Required**

Submit one set of scaled plans illustrating the following:

1. A standard scaled site plan showing:
  - a. Subject site property lines
  - b. All existing and proposed buildings
  - c. Adjoining streets
  - d. Show all relevant physical features (creeks, wetlands, topography or grade changes, significant trees or vegetation, etc.)
2. Any plans, drawing, or photos that help illustrate the variance

#### **Relevant Code Sections**

##### **BMC 15.08.040 Water Service Connections**

B. When the premises within the city limits for which service is sought does not fully abut a street or City-owned utility easement through which there is a City water main, the application for service may be accepted for review however, the utility must be constructed and accepted by the City prior to approval

of building permits for the adjacent land use. The Public Works Director has the administrative authority to determine if the property requesting service is the last developable lot and may grant an exception for service without requiring a main extension.

**BMC 15.12.040 Sewer Service Connections**

C. When the premises within the city limits for which service is sought does not fully abut upon a street or City-owned utility easement through which there is a city sewer main, the application for service may be accepted for review however, the utility must be constructed and accepted by the City prior to approval of building permits for the adjacent land use. The Public Works Director has the administrative authority to determine if the property requesting service is the last developable lot and may grant an exception for service without requiring a main extension. However, when the City of Bellingham has begun constructing a City sewer main that will allow an applicant's premises to abut upon a street or City-owned utility easement through which there will be a City sewer main and the applicant has a commercial, multi-family or industrial project on the premises, the Department of Public Works may, in its sole discretion, accept the application and issue a permit authorizing the premises to be connected to the system; PROVIDED, a Certificate of Occupancy shall not be issued for the premises until the sewer connection is functioning and providing sewer serve to the premises.

**BMC 15.12.070 When [Sewer] Main Extension Required**

A main extension is required whenever property within the city limits is developed and that property does not fully abut a sewer main, or when the existing abutting sewer main does not have adequate capacity. When the property is the last developable lot that can be served, the public works director is authorized to waive this requirement administratively. If an existing lot is more than 200 feet from an existing gravity sewer main, a septic tank may be used in lieu of a sewer main extension if the design is approved by the Whatcom County health department. However, all development in the Lake Whatcom watershed shall be required to connect to sewer regardless of the distance to the nearest main.

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**For Official Use Only**

This request has been:

Approved

Denied

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Public Works Director

Date