

WHATCOM COUNTY
Health Department



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The Honorable Scott Korthuis
City of Lynden
323 Front St.
Lynden, WA 98264

RE: Kontree Apartments

Dear Mayor Korthuis,

Whatcom County appreciates and supports the Lynden City Council's willingness to consider allowing direct water service to Kontree Apartments. For many years, Kontree has not been able to meet the County's code nor the State's Department of Health's water system requirements and have been unable to resolve their ongoing water quality problems. The County understands that a proposed water rights solution is currently being developed; allowing Kontree to connect to Lynden's water system temporarily while a more permanent solution is explored. This letter expresses the County's support in this effort.

The County is committed to supporting Lynden in finding a permanent, reliable, potable drinking water source for the property and appreciates Lynden's role in working with the Department of Ecology and State Department of Health to address these water contamination issues.

Whatcom County joins the State Department of Health and the State Department of Ecology in supporting the Lynden City Council to address Kontree's health emergency.

Sincerely,

John Wolpers, RS
Environmental Health Manager
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Buck Smith, Northwest Regional Office, Ecology

