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Planning Department

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**Via Email and Delivery**

Heidi Gudde

City of Lynden Planning Director

300 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Lynden, WA 98264

**Re: DeJong Long Plat, No. 19-02**

Dear Ms. Gudde & Council Members:

This letter is written on behalf of my client, Eldon and Ranae DeJong, owners of E & R DeJong, LLC, in regard to the DeJong Long Plat, No. 19-02.

The subject long plat incorporated two phases of development. The first phase is complete and as of a few weeks ago, the last vacant lot has been sold. Now, the DeJong's are turning their attention to phase 2 of the plat. However, given the February 18, 2025 deadline for completion of all phase 2 improvements and final plat approval, the DeJong's are requesting an extension of one (1) year for the final plat submission.

Per Lynden Municipal Code 18.18.020(A):

*A final plat meeting all requirements of Chapter 58.17 RCW and this Title 18 shall be submitted to the city for approval within five years of the date of preliminary plat approval. The City Council may extend the time limit for one year at a time and only two such extensions shall be approved. If the final plat is not submitted or completed by the end of all approved extensions, then it shall be considered abandoned. No action shall be taken on an abandoned subdivision application without resubmission.*

The requested extension will allow the plat improvements for phase 2 to be installed in optimal weather conditions and will relieve the time pressure on the contractors, consultants and the City to meet the February 18, 2025 deadline.

To provide you with a brief background as to why the requested extension is appropriate, the plat was approved at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. My client lost significant

time during which all non-essential work was suspended and during which the supply chain for construction materials was severely restricted. After spending significant time the past year working with Puget Sound Energy on a vault issue, the last three (3) of the phase 1 lots have recently been sold. Now, the DeJong's are now ready to proceed with phase 2 of the development.

This is a situation where the developer has worked diligently to fulfill the plat requirements. To deny this extension will result in a hardship to the developers without a corresponding benefit to anyone.

Please grant this one year extension for phase 2 so my client can continue forward with the development plans approved by the City.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Lesa Starkenburg-Kroontje

cc: client