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## 16G.10 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 16G.10.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is: ~~to regulate the subdivision of land and to promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the city and its citizens in accordance with state law and the city's comprehensive plan. To carry out this purpose for the subdivision of land for residential uses, this chapter establishes a flexible lot process, which will facilitate the fair and predictable division of land, maintain the current character of the city, and provide for greater flexibility in the division and establishment of residential lots. A further purpose of this chapter is to prevent the overcrowding of land; to lessen congestion in the streets; to provide for adequate light and air; to facilitate adequate provision for water, sewage, storm water drainage, parks and recreation areas, and sites for public facility needs; to provide for proper ingress and egress, including future traffic circulation needs of the immediate and surrounding area; and to provide for a variety of housing opportunities.~~ (1) to establish the legal steps necessary to create new lots, either by subdivision, short plat or binding site plan, and to modify lot lines by boundary line adjustment, consistent with State law and the comprehensive plan; and (2) to ensure that each new lot respects overall community character while promoting positive neighbor to neighbor and neighborhood to neighborhood connections, diversity in population, open space preservation and building style and fiscal, ecological and social sustainability.

### 16G.10.020 Guiding Principles.

The following principles derived from the comprehensive plan and in part from the community-shaping precedents set by the 1890 Plat of Langley should be used to guide the division of land in Langley.

- A. Homes and businesses should be served by alleys or common access easements.
- B. Utilities should be located underground.
- C. Lots should face each other across rights-of-way to promote safety and neighbor to neighbor interaction.
- D. Homes should be designed such that front doors and porches are visible from the street.
- E. Garages should be accessible from alleys or common access easements or set back from the front wall of the principal use.
- F. Rights-of-way, serving vehicular and/or non-motorized travel, should connect with existing or planned rights-of-way outside the subdivision.
- G. Depending on scale and location, subdivisions should be served by more than one public way for vehicular and non-motorized travel.
- H. Blocks should be short in length to provide ease of pedestrian mobility. If a block must be long, a non-vehicular mid-block crossing should be provided.
- I. Subdivisions should feature narrow streets, permeable concrete and other techniques to reduce impervious cover.
- J. Subdivisions should be designed to promote the most orderly, interconnected and fiscally sustainable layout of utilities and streets.
- K. Lots should be clustered in proportion to the presence of critical areas, forested areas, visually significant tree lines, scenic corridors, habitat, trails and other parks and open spaces. Where possible, preservation of such features shall connect with similar resources on adjoining properties.
- L. Residential subdivision design should promote diversity in lot size, housing size, housing style and spaces for complementary accessory uses such as local food production.

- M. Developments should balance solar access and the preservation of treed areas. Where possible, subdivisions should be designed to accommodate emerging technologies that promote the use of renewable and/or locally-generated energy sources.
- N. Developments should contain features, such as clustered mailboxes, local amenities, and common areas to promote neighbor to neighbor interaction. (NEW)

**16G.10.030 Scope.**

Any division or redivision of land into two or more lots or tracts or any division of land containing a dedication of any part thereof to any public purpose (such as a public street or a highway) shall comply with the provisions of this title. (NEW)

**16G.10.040 Residential Zones utility regulations.**

Lands platted and/or subdivided within all residential Zones of the city must be served by: (1) water from the city water system; (2) the city sewer system or approved alternative; and (3) underground utilities, including telephone and electric power. *(FROM Section 17.04.040)*

**16G.10.050 Exemptions.**

- A. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:
1. Any cemetery or burial plot, while used for that purpose;
  2. The assignment by the Island County Assessor's Office of new tax parcel numbers and no division of land is occurring;
  3. Any division made by testamentary provision or the laws of descent;
  4. Any division of land into lots or tracts for which a residential condominium and commercial binding site plan has been recorded in accordance with the provisions of the LMC;
  5. A division for the purpose of lease when no residential structures other than manufactured homes are permitted to be placed upon the land and for which a binding site plan for use of the land as a manufactured home park has been approved in accordance with the provisions of this code;
  6. The development, sale, lease, transfer, gift or other conveyance of legally created tracts, lots or parcels acquired by any owner as separate parcels, bearing separate tax identification numbers and having separate and distinct legal descriptions. *(FROM 17.08.030)*

**16G.10.060 Authority.**

The Langley city council delegates the responsibility for making final decisions on boundary line adjustments and short plats to the Langley planning official subject to the notice requirements in 16I.30.090. The city council also delegates the responsibility for holding hearings and making recommendations on preliminary plats, binding site plans, major plat alterations and plat vacations to the planning advisory board. All final decisions on preliminary plats, final plats, major plat alterations and plat vacations shall be made by the city council. (NEW)

**16G.10.070 Effect of filing a complete application.**

- A. A proposed division or subdivision of land, shall be considered under the subdivision or short subdivision ordinance, and zoning or other land use control ordinances, in effect on the land at the time a fully completed application for preliminary plat approval of the subdivision, or short plat approval of the subdivision, has been submitted to the planning official.
- B. The limitations imposed by this section are not intended to limit application by the planning official of substantive authority under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). (NEW. COMPARE WITH 17.04.047)

## **16G.20 BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENTS**

**16G.20.010 Type of application.**

A boundary line adjustment is an administrative permit application that does not require a notice of application subject to 16I.30.060(C)(1). Boundary line adjustments shall be processed in accordance with the procedures for such applications as set forth in LMC 16I.30. (NEW)

**16G.20.020 Requirements for a complete application.**

Any person or other legal entity seeking a boundary line adjustment must complete the City's application forms and submit the following information:

- A. The name and address of the owners of the subject lots.
  - B. The boundaries and acreage of the existing lots.
  - C. The boundaries and acreage of the proposed lots.
  - D. The location of any existing streets or easements within and adjacent to the tract.
  - E. The location of any critical areas as defined in 16F.
  - F. The location of any existing structures, wells, septic systems and utilities.
- (NEW. NO PROVISIONS IN CURRENT CODE)*

**16G.20.030 Criteria for approval.**

The planning official shall approve an application for a boundary line adjustment if it is determined that:

- A. No additional lot, tract, parcel, site or division is created by the proposed adjustment.
  - B. No lot is modified which contains insufficient area and dimensions to meet the minimum requirements of the zone in which the affected lots are situated. In instances where nonconforming lots exist, the degree of nonconformance with respect to the zoning dimension and area standards, setbacks and floor area ratio is not increased.
  - C. No lot is modified to reduce or eliminate the square footage of developable area outside of critical areas and critical area buffers such that development on the lot can only occur through the reasonable use provisions of the Chapter 16F, or which would require primary access through a critical area or critical area buffer
  - D. No lot is modified which does not have adequate drainage, water supply, sanitary sewage disposal, and access for vehicles, utilities and fire protection, and no existing easement in favor of the public is rendered impractical to serve its purpose.
  - E. No nonconformities are created with respect to the adopted building code, fire code or any other locally administered regulation.
  - F. The boundary line adjustment is consistent with the applicable provisions of the city's zoning code.
- (NEW. COMPARE WITH 17.08.040)*

**16G.20.040 Requirements for approval of final boundary map.**

The approved boundary line adjustment documents shall contain the original as well as the new legal descriptions and shall be effective after being signed by the planning official, filed by the applicant with the county assessor, and recorded with the county auditor. A copy of the recorded boundary line adjustment shall be furnished to the city upon the filing of the document *(NEW. SIMILAR TO 17.08.040 BUT WITH ADDED LANGUAGE ABOUT RECORDATION PROCESS).*

## **16G.30 SHORT SUBDIVISIONS**

**16G.30.010 Type of application.**

A short subdivision is an administrative permit application that requires notice of application subject to 16I.30.060(B)(2). Short subdivisions shall be processed in accordance with the procedures for such applications as set forth in LMC Section 16I.30. (NEW)

**16G.30.020 Requirements for a complete application.**

The following maps, site plans, and studies shall be prepared for proposed preliminary short subdivisions:

A. A base map displaying the existing site characteristics and conditions. The base map shall include:

1. A north arrow and scale (1:40 scale preferred).
2. The name, address and phone number of the owner of the subject property and of the owner's representative.
3. The proposed short subdivision name.
4. Property boundaries.
5. Total project acreage.
6. Topography with a contour interval of no less than five (5) feet sufficient to demonstrate existing drainage characteristics on and adjacent to the property. Slopes which exceed fifteen (15) percent shall be identified.
7. The location of all easements and other encumbrances located on the property or essential to the property's division.
8. The location and names of roads and rights-of-way, easements, trails and walkways on-site or in the immediate vicinity.
9. The location of all utilities (water lines or wells, sewer lines or septic systems, power, cable and/or telephone lines) located on or adjacent to the subject property.
10. The location of all critical areas (as defined in LMC Chapter 16F) located on or within 100 feet of the subject property.
11. Areas of significant trees, vegetation and forests located on the subject property or within 100 feet of the property.
12. Existing land uses on the subject property and adjacent properties.
13. The approximate size and location of existing structures located within 100 feet of the subject property.
14. The owners and parcel numbers of adjacent properties. (NEW)
15. The city comprehensive plan and zoning designations for the subject property, including the shoreline designation if applicable.

B. An aerial photograph to assist the city in orienting the property to adjacent areas.

C. The proposed site design including:

1. The proposed building footprints and lot lines. (CHANGED LANGUAGE)
2. The proposed mix and distribution of uses on the site and the proposed allocation of square footage to each specific lot, where applicable (NEW)
3. The location of all proposed public and private utilities, including public sewer and water, storm drainage, telephone, cable, electricity, etc.
4. Roads and access points. (CHANGED LANGUAGE)
5. Open space locations. (CHANGED LANGUAGE)
6. Reserve areas that may be used for future development if the site is not being developed to its full potential. Reserve areas shall identify, where applicable, the amount square footage and type of uses allocated to the area, and the combination of the reserve areas and all the lots on the site must meet the requirements listed within 16G.60. (NEW)

D. The names and addresses of adjacent landowners and pre-addressed stamped envelopes to enable the city to provide notice for the application.

E. The fee for short plats as provided by resolution of the city council. (SIMILAR TO 17.04.070 WITH SOME ADDITIONS)

**16G.30.030 Criteria for approval.**

The planning official shall base their decision on an application for preliminary short subdivision on the following criteria:

A. The proposed short subdivision is in conformance with the Langley comprehensive plan, Langley Municipal Code, and all other city adopted plans and regulations.

B. The preliminary short subdivision is beneficial to the public health, safety and welfare and is in the public interest.

C. Provisions have been made for water, storm drainage, erosion control, and sanitary sewage disposal that are consistent with the current standards adopted in the Langley Municipal Code.

D. Provisions have been made for open space, roads, utilities, street lighting, pedestrian facilities and other improvements that are consistent with the Langley Municipal Code and other adopted standards and plans.

E. The design, shape and orientation of the proposed lots are appropriate for the proposed use for which the lots are intended.

F. Provisions have been made for dedications, easements and reservations.

G. Provisions have been made for the maintenance of commonly owned private facilities.

H. The plat meets the requirements of Chapter 58.17 RCW and other applicable state and local laws that are in effect at the time of preliminary plat approval. (NEW. COMPARE WITH 17.08.110)

**16G.30.040 Effect of preliminary plat approval.**

Preliminary short plat approval authorizes the applicant to proceed with the applications for necessary permits to construct required improvements to the short subdivision and to prepare a final short plat in accordance with the determinations made and conditions imposed by the planning official. The responsibility for providing property improvements including water, sewage, streets, drainage, shall generally be the applicant's, although mechanisms such as latecomer agreements may be utilized. Requirements for property improvements are established in the city's development construction standards, LMC Title 15. (NEW)

**16G.30.050 Plans Subject to Review and Approval**

Final water, sewer, storm drainage, street and other physical improvements set forth in the preliminary plat approval must be submitted to the city for approval prior to actual construction of these facilities. Any changes made during the installation must be approved by the city and revised drawings showing the exact location of the facilities must be approved in advance of the installation. All underground utilities and facilities installed in streets shall be constructed prior to the surfacing of the streets. Service connections for all underground utilities and facilities shall be laid to such lengths as will preclude the necessity for disturbing the street improvements, when service connections thereto are made. (FROM 17.04.137)

**16G.30.060 Time Limit for Final Short Plat Approval**

The applicant shall complete all requirements of the preliminary short plat approval and the requirements of this chapter within ~~one year~~ five (5) years from the date of approval in order to qualify for submittal for final plat approval. One one-year extension of the requirement may be granted by the planning official, in consultation with city staff, with a showing of good cause by the applicant. (FROM 17.04.140-CHANGED TIMEFRAME TO MAKE CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW)

**16G.30.070 Bonds**

A. Performance bond. The city may accept a performance bond or similar assurance in an amount equal to 115% of the value of the improvements guaranteeing that all improvements and

requirements will be completed within five years of the date of the preliminary short plat approval. One one-year extension of the requirement may be granted by the city planning official, in consultation with city staff, with a showing of good cause by the applicant. The performance bond or similar assurance shall be drawn in favor of the city based on the amount specified by the planning official and be deposited per instructions from the city clerk-treasurer. All money received shall be held in escrow pending the satisfactory completion of the required work. The city may authorize the release of portions of this money to the applicant in accordance with a prearranged progress schedule. When all improvements have been completed and determined by the city to satisfy required city standards, the bond or balance of money held in escrow shall be released to the applicant.

B. Maintenance Bond. A one year maintenance bond in the amount of ten (10) percent of the value of the improvements shall be provided upon release of the performance bond to warrantee improvements provided in the development of the plat. *(FROM 17.04.140)*

#### **16G.30.080 Revisions to approved preliminary short subdivisions.**

A. Modification to an approved preliminary short subdivision which does not change the general plat layout, increase off-site impacts, or modify a provision or condition which was a matter of dispute by any party during the preliminary approval process may be made by the planning official after notice of the modification has been given, the site has been posted notifying individuals of the change, and a fourteen (14) day comment period has been allowed for the applicant and parties of record to comment on the proposal.

B. Other modifications to an approved subdivision must be reviewed in accordance with the process for a type II application and shall be approved consistent with the procedures and requirements of this chapter.

C. The following exemptions shall not constitute changes in the preliminary short subdivision approval and thus do not require further review as provided for above in this section:

1. An engineering detail, unless the proposed detail modifies or eliminates features specifically required as an element of the preliminary subdivision approval.
2. Minor changes in lot lines or lot dimensions. *(FROM 17.04.145)*

#### **16G.30.090 Prohibition on further division.**

Land contained within a short subdivision may not be further divided in any manner within a period of five years from the date of approval without filing a standard plat, provided that when a short plat contains fewer than four lots nothing in this section shall prevent the owner who filed the short plat from filing an alteration within the five-year period to create up to four lots within the original short plat boundaries. (NEW)

#### **16G.30.100 Contiguous short plats.**

No application for a short plat shall be approved if the land being divided is held in common ownership with a contiguous parcel that has been divided in a short plat within the preceding five years. (NEW)

## **16G.40 PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISIONS AND BINDING SITE PLANS**

#### **16G.40.010 Type of application.**

Applications for preliminary subdivision and binding site plan approval require action by the planning advisory board and shall be processed subject to the provisions for such applications as set forth in Chapter 16I.30. (NEW)

**16G.40.020 Requirements for a complete application.**

The following maps, site plans, and studies shall be prepared for proposed preliminary subdivisions and binding site plans:

A. A base map displaying the existing site characteristics and conditions. The base map shall include:

1. A north arrow and scale (1:40 scale preferred).
2. The name, address and phone number of the owner of the subject property and of the owner's representative.
3. The proposed plat name.
4. The property boundaries.
5. The total project acreage.
6. Topography with a contour interval of no less than five (5) feet sufficient to demonstrate existing drainage characteristics on and adjacent to the property. Slopes which exceed fifteen (15) percent shall be identified.
7. The location of all easements and other encumbrances located on the property or essential to the property's division.
8. The location and names of roads and rights-of-way, easements, trails and walkways on-site or in the immediate vicinity.
9. The location of all utilities (water lines or wells, sewer lines or septic systems, power, cable and/or telephone lines) located on or adjacent to the subject property.
10. The location of all critical areas (as defined in Chapter 16F) located on or within 100 feet of the subject property.
11. Areas of significant trees, vegetation and forests located on the subject property or within 100 feet of the property.
12. Existing land uses on the subject property and adjacent properties. (NEW)
13. The approximate size and location of existing structures located within 100 feet of the subject property.
14. The owners and parcel numbers of adjacent properties. (NEW)
15. The city comprehensive plan and zoning designations for the subject property, including the shoreline designation if applicable.

B. An aerial photograph to assist the city in orienting the property to adjacent areas.

C. The proposed site design including:

1. The proposed building footprints and lot lines. (CHANGED LANGUAGE)
2. The proposed mix and distribution of uses on the site and the proposed allocation of square footage to each specific lot, where applicable (NEW)
3. The location of all proposed public and private utilities, including public sewer and water, storm drainage, telephone, cable, electricity, etc.
4. Roads and access points. (CHANGED LANGUAGE)
5. Open space locations. (CHANGED LANGUAGE)
6. Reserve areas that may be used for future development, if the site is not being developed to its full potential. Reserve areas shall identify, where applicable, the amount square footage and type of uses allocated to the area, and the combination of the reserve areas and all the lots on the site must meet the requirements listed within 16G.60. (NEW)

D. The names and addresses of landowners within 500 feet of the project site and pre-addressed stamped envelopes to enable the city to provide notice for the application. (NEW)

E. The fee for subdivisions or binding site plans as provided by resolution of the city council. (CHANGED LANGUAGE)

F. The following additional information for binding site plans:

1. All information required on a preliminary long plat.
2. The location of all existing and proposed structures.
3. A detailed landscape plan indicating the location of existing vegetation to be retained,

location of vegetation and landscaping structures to be installed, type of vegetation by common horticultural name, and the installed and mature height of all vegetation.

4. Schematic plans and elevations of existing/ proposed buildings with samples of all exterior finish material and colors, the type and location of all exterior lighting, signs and accessory structures.

5. Inscriptions or attachments setting forth the limitations and conditions of development.

6. Provisions insuring the development will be in conformance with the site plan as approved.

7. Demonstrated compliance with the requirements of Chapter 64.34 RCW Condominium Act. (SECTION IS COMBINATION OF 17.04.070 AND 18.22.220 WITH SOME ADDITIONS)

#### **16G.40.030 Criteria for Approval.**

A. The planning advisory board's recommendation and the city council's decision to approve a preliminary subdivision or binding site plan, or approve a preliminary subdivision or binding site plan with modifications, shall include findings of fact that the application meets all of the following requirements: (MODIFIED LANGUAGE)

1. The preliminary subdivision or binding site plan is in conformance with the Langley comprehensive plan, Langley Municipal Code, Langley standards and all other city adopted plans and regulations.

2. The preliminary subdivision or binding site plan makes appropriate provisions for the public health, safety and general and public use and interest, including:

a. Roads, streets and transit facilities.

b. Street names, traffic regulatory signs and mailbox locations.

c. Pedestrian facilities.

d. Public ways leading to and providing access to and within the subdivision.(MODIFIED LANGUAGE)

e. Open spaces, recreation facilities, and playgrounds.

f. Fire and emergency vehicle access.

g. Drainage and storm water facilities.

h. Water supply, including both domestic and fire flow.

i. Sewage disposal. (MODIFIED LANGUAGE)

j. Critical areas, as defined in LMC Chapter 16F. (MODIFIED NUMBERING AND LANGUAGE)

3. The preliminary subdivision or binding site plan design is compatible with the physical characteristics of the proposed subdivision site.

4. The preliminary plat or binding site plan design includes measures to minimize clearing, maintain existing vegetation, and incorporate re-vegetation into the design where possible.

B. In making a determination of approval, approval with modifications or disapproval using the criteria in subsections A of this section, the following additional factors without limitation shall also be considered:

1. All public and private facilities and improvements on and off the site necessary to provide for the proposed subdivision or binding site plan will be available when needed.

2. Proposed new utilities, facilities and services and the proposed additional use of existing utilities, facilities and services will not degrade the existing level of operation and use of such utilities, facilities and services below accepted standards.

3. Provisions for maintenance of common or public facilities have been incorporated in the subdivision or binding site plan proposal. (NEW. SIMILAR TO MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE FROM 17.04.090 WITH SEVERAL ADDITIONS)

#### **16G.40.040 Effect of preliminary approval.**

Preliminary subdivision or binding site plan approval authorizes the applicant to proceed with the applications for necessary permits to construct required improvements necessary for the

proposal and to prepare a final plat or binding site plan in accordance with the determinations made and conditions imposed by the planning advisory board and city council. The responsibility for providing property improvements including water, sewage, streets, drainage, shall generally be the applicant's, although mechanisms such as latecomer agreements may be utilized. Requirements for property improvements are established in the city's development construction standards, Title 15 LMC. (NEW. NO CODE PROVISION ADDRESSES ISSUE.)

**16G.40.050 Plans Subject to Review and Approval**

Final water, sewer, storm drainage, street and other physical improvements set forth in the preliminary plat approval must be submitted to the city for approval prior to actual construction of these facilities. Any changes made during the installation must be approved by the city and revised drawings showing the exact location of the facilities must be approved in advance of the installation. All underground utilities and facilities installed in streets shall be constructed prior to the surfacing of such street(s). Service connections for all underground utilities and facilities shall be laid to such lengths as will prevent the necessity for disturbing the street improvements, when service connections thereto are made. *(FROM 17.04.137)*

**16G.40.060 Time Limit for Final Plat Approval**

The applicant shall complete all requirements of the preliminary plat or binding site plan approval and the requirements of this chapter within ~~one year~~ five (5) years from the date of approval in order to qualify for submittal for final plat or binding site plan approval. One one-year extension of the requirement may be granted by the planning official, in consultation with city staff, with a showing of good cause by the applicant. *(FROM 17.04.140-CHANGED TIMEFRAME TO MAKE CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW)*

**16G.40.070 Bonds**

A. Performance bond. The city may accept a performance bond or similar assurance in an amount equal to 115% of the value of the improvements guaranteeing that all improvements and requirements will be completed within five years of the date of the preliminary plat or binding site plan approval. One one-year extension of the requirement may be granted by the city planning official, in consultation with city staff, with a showing of good cause by the applicant. The performance bond or similar assurance shall be drawn in favor of the city based on the amount specified by the planning official and be deposited per instructions from the city clerk-treasurer. All money received shall be held in escrow pending the satisfactory completion of the required work. The city may authorize the release of portions of this money to the applicant in accordance with a prearranged progress schedule. When all improvements have been completed and determined by the city to satisfy required city standards, the bond or balance of money held in escrow shall be released to the applicant.

B. Maintenance Bond. A one year maintenance bond in the amount of ten (10) percent of the value of the improvements shall be provided upon release of the performance bond to warrantee improvements provided in the development of the plat. *(FROM 17.04.140)*

**16G.40.080 Revisions to approved preliminary subdivisions**

A. Modification to an approved preliminary subdivision or binding site plan which does not change the general plat layout, increase off-site impacts, or modify a provision or condition which was a matter of dispute by any party during the preliminary approval process may be made by the planning official after notice of the modification has been given, the site has been posted notifying individuals of the change, and a fourteen (14) day comment period has been allowed for the applicant and parties of record to comment on the proposal.

B. Other modifications to an approved subdivision or binding site plan must be reviewed in accordance with the process for a type III application and shall be approved consistent with the procedures and requirements of this chapter.

C. The following exemptions shall not constitute changes in the preliminary subdivision or binding site plan approval and thus do not require further review as provided for above in this section:

1. An engineering detail, unless the proposed detail modifies or eliminates features specifically required as an element of the preliminary subdivision approval.

2. Minor changes in lot lines or lot dimensions. (*FROM 17.04.150 ADDED TYPE OF APPLICATION*)

## **16G.50 FINAL PLATS OR BINDING SITE PLANS**

### **16G.50.010 Type of Application**

A final short plat is exempt from the provisions of LMC 16I.30. Final short plats nevertheless shall meet the provisions of this chapter. Final long plats and final binding site plans are a Type IV application and shall be processed in accordance with the procedures for such applications as set forth in LMC 16I.30. (NEW TO MAKE CONSISTENT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE CHAPTER)

### **16G.50.020 Requirements for Final Plat or Binding Site Plan Preparation**

After approval of a preliminary plat or binding site plan by the city council or planning official, the fulfillment of the approval conditions and the requirements of these regulations, and any other requirement specified by the planning agency, one tracing of the final plat or binding site plan shall be prepared to be filed for record. The final plat or binding site plan shall be drawn on ~~a mylar with dimensions~~ media acceptable for Island County recording and allow one-half inch for border. ~~The ink must be reproducible and of a permanent nature.~~ If more than one sheet is required, each sheet including the index sheet shall be of the required size. The index sheet must show the entire subdivision or binding site plan, with street names, block numbers and lot numbers. (*FROM 17.04.150-17.04.160*)

### **16G.50.030 Requirements for a Final Plat or Binding Site Plan Application**

A final plat or binding site plan shall include the following:

A. Identification and Description.

1. The name of the subdivision or binding site plan, or number of the short subdivision.
2. The location of the project by section, township and range, or by other legal description.
3. The name and seal of the registered land surveyor.
4. The date.

5. A graphically shown scale. The scale of the final plat or binding site plan shall be such that all distances and bearings can be clearly and legibly shown thereon in their proper proportions. Plats or binding site plans unduly cramped and on which essential data cannot be clearly read will not be approved.

5. A north point.

B. Delineation. The following shall be clearly indicated and dimensioned:

1. The boundary of the project, based on an accurate traverse, with angular and lineal dimensions.

2. The exact location, width and name of all streets within and adjoining the plat or binding site plan, and the exact location and width of all alleys, walkways and cross-walkways. The name of a street shall not duplicate that of any existing street in the city, and shall be generally consistent with the practice of Island County.

3. The true courses and distances to the nearest established street lines or official monuments which accurately describe the location of the plat or binding site plan.

4. Municipal, township, county or section lines accurately tied to the lines of the short subdivision, subdivision or binding site plan by distances and courses.

5. Radii, central angles, points of curvature, tangent distances, and lengths of all arcs; bearing and length of all tangents.

6. The location, dimensions, names and auditor's file numbers of all easements and/or streets within or adjoining the plat or binding site plan, and the purpose thereof.

7. All lot and block numbers and lines, with accurate dimensions in feet and hundredths. Blocks in numbered additions to subdivisions or binding site plans bearing the same name may be numbered or lettered consecutively through the several additions.

8. The accurate location of all monuments. Monuments shall be concrete, not less than four inches by four inches at top, six inches by six inches at bottom and twenty-four inches long, with metal marker cast in the center. One such monument shall be placed at each street intersection, and at locations to complete a continuous line of sight and at such other locations as required by the city engineer. Monument cases shall be placed over all monuments in paved streets.

9. All meander lines or reference lines along bodies of water established above the high water line of such water.

10. Accurate outlines and legal description of any areas to be dedicated or reserved for public use, with the purposes indicated thereon and in the dedication, and of any area to be reserved by deed covenant for common uses of all property owners.

11. Building setback lines accurately shown with dimensions in cases where building setback variation has been allowed.

12. The mix and distribution of uses proposed for the site, including any lots devoted to an affordable housing provider, and the amount of building square footage allocated to each lot, where applicable (NEW)

13. Areas reserved for future development and the amount of square footage and type of uses allocated to each reserve tract. (NEW)

13. All lot corners on the property. Lot corners should be marked with a permanent suitable metal marker no less than three-eighths inch in diameter and eighteen inches long and driven flush with the finished grade.

C. Descriptions, Dedication and Certificates.

1. A description of the property subject to the plat or binding site plan, which shall be the same as that recorded in the preceding transfer of the property, or that portion of the transfer covered by plat or binding site plan. Should this description be cumbersome and not technically correct, a true and exact description shall be shown upon the plat or binding site plan together with original description. The correct description shall follow: "The intent of the above description is to embrace all the following described property."

2. Dedication, with notarized acknowledgment, by owner or owners, of the adoption of the plat or binding site plan and the dedication of streets and other public areas. In case of a corporation, proper acknowledgment shall be used.

3. Restrictions.

4. The following certificates and declarations:

a. Surveyor Certificate.

This plat or binding site plan correctly represents a survey made by me or under by direction in conformance with the requirements of the City of Langley and the Washington State Survey Recording Act, in the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ signature and seal

\_\_\_\_\_ certificate number

b. Treasurer's Certificate.

All taxes levied which have become a lien upon the lands herein described have been fully paid and discharged according to the records of my office, including taxes for the current year, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Island County Treasurer

c. Auditor's Certificate.

Filed for record this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ in Vol. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, page(s) under Auditor's file No. \_\_\_\_\_ Records of Island County, at the request of the City of Langley.

d. Acknowledgment.

State of Washington                    )  
Island County                            )

This is to certify that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington duly commissioned and sworn, appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known to be the individual(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that signed and sealed the same as \_\_\_\_\_ free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes mentioned herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of Washington residing at \_\_\_\_\_

e. Owner's Consent.

Know all men by these presents that the undersigned sub-divider(s) hereby certify that this plat is made as \_\_\_\_\_ free and voluntary act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Signature    \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mortgage or Lien Holder's Signature

5. Proper signature blocks for the approvals of the Mayor, city planning official and city engineer

6. All signatures shall be in India ink or other ink of equal density. No interlineations will be permitted. (COMBINATION OF 17.04.170 and 17.08.070)

**16G.50.040 Fees**

On completion of site improvements to the satisfaction of the city staff, or upon delivery of a performance bond in lieu thereof, a final plat or binding site plan shall be submitted accompanied by the following:

A. ~~A deposit to cover the cost of final plat or binding site plan review, including the base fee and hourly charges for city consulting review time and overhead. If the final review costs exceed the amount deposited, the applicant shall pay the difference. The final plat or binding site plan review fee in accordance with the current fee schedule.~~

B. A certificate of title from a reputable title insurance company giving the legal description and showing the title and interest or dedication of all parties to the plat or binding site plan. The

certificate shall be dated not to exceed thirty (30) days prior to submission of the final plat or binding site plan.

C. A certificate by the county treasurer, showing that taxes have been paid in accordance with RCW 58.08.030 and 58.08.040, and that deposit has been made to the county treasurer for the taxes for the following year. A certificate by the county treasurer, showing that all taxes and assessments levied and chargeable against the property in the binding site plan, plat, or re-plat have been made in accordance with RCW 58.08.030. *(FROM 17.04.190)*

**16G.50.050 Time frame for approval.**

Final plats or binding site plans shall be approved, disapproved or returned to the applicant within thirty (30) calendar days after the filing of a complete application, unless the applicant consents to an extension of such time period. *(NEW)*

**16G.50.060 Criteria for approval.**

A final plat or binding site plan application shall be approved if the proposal:

A. Meets all criteria for approval for preliminary plat or binding site plans.

B. Substantially conforms to all terms of the preliminary plat or binding site plan approval.

C. Meets the requirements of this title, Chapter 58.17 RCW, other applicable state laws, and any other applicable city ordinances which were in effect at the time of preliminary plat or binding site plan approval. *(NEW)*

**16G.50.070 Signing the final plat or binding site plan.**

Once the planning official verifies that the criteria for approval have been met and the final plat or binding site plan substantially conforms with the requirements articulated in 16G.50.050, the applicant shall submit two mylar copies and one paper copy for the signature of the planning official, city engineer and mayor. *(NEW)*

**16G.50.080 Filing the approved final plat or binding site plan**

After receiving the necessary approvals from the city, the applicant shall file the final plat or binding site plan with the Island County auditor's office. The final plat or binding site plan will be considered complete when a copy of the recorded documents is returned to the planning official. *(NEW)*

**16G.50.090 Time frame for submission of final plat or binding site plan.**

A final plat or binding site plan meeting all requirements of Chapter 58.17 RCW and this title shall be submitted to the city for approval within five (5) years of the date of preliminary plat approval. *(NEW)*

**16G.50.100 Effect of final plat approval.**

A subdivision or binding site plan shall be governed by the terms of approval of the final plat or binding site plan, and the statutes, ordinances and regulations in effect at the time of approval under RCW 58.17.150(1) and (3) for a period of five years after final plat or binding site approval unless the city council finds that a change in conditions creates a serious threat to the public health or safety in the subdivision. *(NEW)*

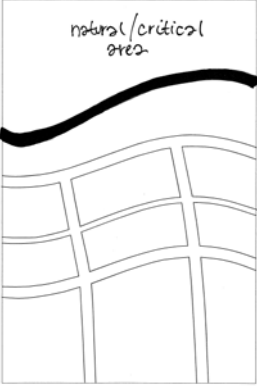
**16G.50.110 Final Plat Alterations**

Alterations of approved plats or binding site plans shall follow the same procedures as set forth in this title for new subdivision or binding site plan proposals, provided that, the planning official, in consultation with other appropriate city officials, may approve minor alterations, subject to notifying parties of record for the subdivision of the proposed alteration and providing an opportunity to comment. *(FROM 17.04.195)*

# 16G.60 DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS


## CONTEXT SENSITIVITY:

### How to design a site to respect the land and surroundings

	VCD DBD PI		TVD TVD-MR MSD		RVD- 6000		RVD- 4000 SED	
	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<b>Standard One: Preservation of Existing Natural Character</b>								
<b>A. Critical Area Protection</b>								
<p>1. Land divisions shall protect and preserve all <u>critical areas located on the project site from alteration, including <del>including floodplains, wetlands, and steep slopes from</del> clearing, grading, filling, or construction (except as may be approved by the City for essential infrastructure or active or passive recreation amenities). Subdivisions shall also <del>and</del> maintain or create an upland buffer of natural native species vegetation adjacent to wetlands and surface waters, including creeks, streams, springs, and ponds (reference: Chapter 16.20 LMC). From Evaluation Criteria 17.04.135 and 17.08.115 (A)</u></p>  <p>This example demonstrates how a site can be designed to preserve critical areas and buffers.</p>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<p><u>a. Land divisions shall ensure the protection of critical areas in perpetuity through one or more of the following methods: the inclusion of protective language into the Codes, Covenants and Restrictions of the homeowners’ association; deed restriction; or the donation or sale of land, or a conservation easement on the land, to an accredited land trust or relevant public agency. The appropriate long term owner of critical areas shall be determined by the City of Langley.</u></p>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<p><u>b. Land divisions shall be accompanied by a long term (at least 10-year) management and funding accountability plan for the management of critical areas and their buffers. The management plan shall include biological objectives consistent with habitat conservation and critical area protection and shall identify:</u></p> <p><u>i) Procedures and personnel for maintaining the critical areas and their buffers;</u></p> <p><u>ii) Estimated implementation costs and funding sources; and</u></p> <p><u>iii) Threats that the project poses for habitat within the critical areas and their buffers (e.g., invasive species, intrusion of residents in habitat areas) and measures to substantially reduce those threats.</u></p>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<b>B. Conservation Area Protection</b>								

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1. Land divisions shall minimize impacts on <del>large woodlands, especially in areas containing mature trees, significant wildlife habitat, areas of high ecological and/ or cultural open space value as defined in Figure OS-7 of the Parks, Open Space and Trails Element of the Langley Comprehensive Plan and those with highly erodible soils with slopes greater than 15 percent.</del> From Evaluation Criteria 17.04.135 and 17.08.115 (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
2. Land divisions shall ensure the protection of conservation areas preserved through the subdivision process in perpetuity through the inclusion of protective language into the Codes, Covenants and Restrictions of the homeowners' association or the donation or sale of land, or a conservation easement on the land, to an accredited land trust or relevant public agency. The appropriate long term owner of the area shall be approved by the City of Langley.	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<b>C. Ecosystem Restoration</b>								
1. Land divisions shall create an ongoing monitoring program to ensure the survival of native species vegetation and the control of invasive species on the site.	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
2. Monitoring programs should consider: the control invasive species on a site; the retention of existing natural vegetation; and the addition of new native species vegetation to mimic undisturbed native plant communities.	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

	<b>VCD DBD PI</b>		<b>TVD TVD-MR MSD</b>		<b>RVD- 6000</b>		<b>RVD- 4000 SED</b>	
<b>Standard Two: Preservation of Existing Village Character</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<p>A. Land divisions shall maintain the character of the <u>primary public roadways that provide access to the site</u> <del>roadways</del> through <u>the establishment of buffer zones, the minimization of disturbance of roadside vegetation, the maintenance of existing screening vegetation, and the establishment of a planting screen consisting of a variety of indigenous native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers where possible.</u> Modified from 17.04.075 Flexible Lot Standards D.4</p>  <p>Subdivisions in certain designs shall preserve vegetation along the roadway to maintain the rural character of the roadway. This example represents how a site could be designed to preserve vegetation along a roadway.</p>			R	R	R	R	R	R
1. Land divisions that occur on Scenic Corridors, as specified within the <u>Langley Comprehensive Plan</u> , shall meet this standard and be set back a minimum of 50 feet from the roadway for residential use and 35 feet from the roadway for non-residential use.			R	R	R	R	R	R

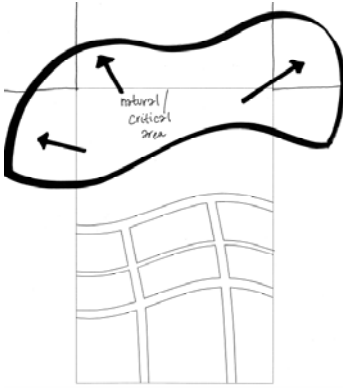
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B. Land divisions shall minimize the impact on scenic views, <u>treelines</u> and vistas as seen from public roadways <u>and existing viewing places</u> . From Evaluation Criteria 17.04.135 and 17.08.115 (E)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
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## CONNECTIVITY

### How to design a site to link spaces and people.

	<b>VCD DBD PI</b>		<b>TVD TVD-MR MSD</b>		<b>RVD- 6000</b>		<b>RVD- 4000 SED</b>	
<b>Standard One: Parks and Open Space Design</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<b>A. Parks and Open Space Requirements</b>								
<u>1. Subdivisions shall preserve critical areas and areas of priority conservation land (as defined in Figure OS-7 of the Parks, Open Space and Trails Element of the Langley Comprehensive Plan) on the site as open space based on the following land ratios:</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>a. Subdivisions in the traditional village, traditional village-mixed residential and modern subdivision community design zones shall preserve a total of 10 percent of the site as open space.</u>				R				
<u>b. Subdivisions in the rural village design – 6000 zone shall preserve a total of 40 percent of the site as open space.</u>						R		
<u>c. Subdivisions in the <del>conservation design zone</del> rural village design – 4000 and sensitive environment design zones shall preserve a total of 60 percent of the site as open space.</u>								R
<u>2. Subdivisions above five lots in size and attached units with more than five units shall provide at least five percent of the are encouraged to provide a portion of the developed portion of the project development site for park, community agriculture or common area land. <del>This total shall not include critical areas, priority conservation areas or critical area buffers.</del></u>		E		E		E		E
<b>B. External Connections</b>								
<u>1. Parks and open space provided as part of subdivisions shall be designed as part of larger contiguous and integrated greenway systems and shall abut critical areas and their buffers and/ or existing or potential open space land on adjacent parcels, where possible.</u>								
 <p>This example demonstrates how a site can connect priority natural areas, critical areas and open space to adjacent properties.</p>			R	R	R	R	R	R

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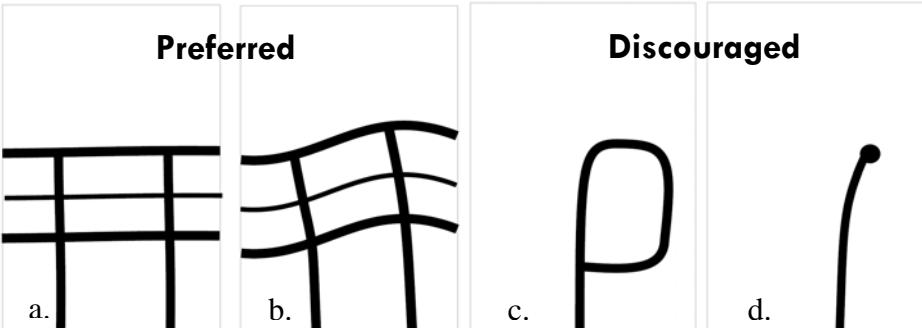
<b>C. Internal Connections</b>									
<u>1. Parks and open space provided as part of a subdivision shall be clustered and form a contiguous system on the project site.</u>				R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>a. Parks and open space areas inside the subdivision shall be grouped so resource or recreation areas are not divided into numerous small parcels located in various parts of the development.</u>  <u>Parks and open space areas in subdivisions shall be grouped to preserve large and contiguous tracts of resource and recreation land. Both these examples demonstrate how a site could be designed to preserve resource or recreation areas. In each example, the design preserves the vegetation along the roadway to preserve the scenic corridor resource and the layout preserves the priority natural or critical area at the rear of the site.</u>				R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>2. Park and open space features inside a subdivision shall be linked to provide an integrated open space system. Consider pedestrian-only trails or walkways along roads as a means to link these areas.</u>				R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>3. Long thin strips of conservation land shall be avoided, unless the conservation feature is linear or such configuration is necessary to connect with other parks, open space, streams or trails.</u>				R	R	R	R	R	R

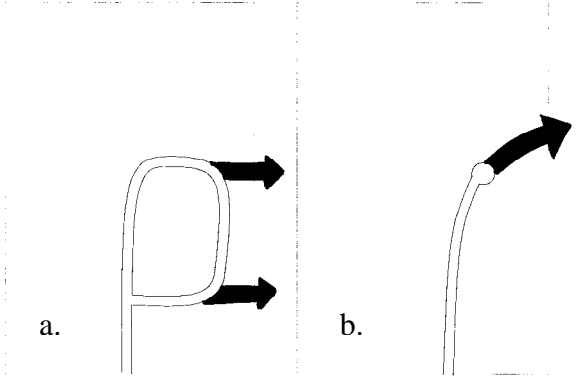

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	<b>DBD</b>		<b>TVD-MR</b>		<b>6000</b>		<b>4000</b>	
	<b>PI</b>		<b>MSD</b>				<b>SED</b>	
<b>Standard Two: Design of Pedestrian Space</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<b>A. External Connections</b>								
<u>1. Land divisions shall maximize pedestrian ingress and egress points access onto the project site. This may be accommodated through the provision of on-site walkways, trails, paths or sidewalks. (see the city Land Development Standards for appropriateness of sidewalks) which These walkways, trails, paths or sidewalks shall originate at the property's boundary and connect with neighboring parks, open spaces and public access points (see the city Land Development Standards for appropriateness of sidewalks). Modified language from Section 17.04.075 Flexible Lot Standards E.2</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>a. Short plats shall provide at least two pedestrian ingress and egress points and shall connect to neighboring streets, parks and open space areas.</u>	R		R		R		R	
<u>b. Long plats shall provide at least one pedestrian ingress and egress to every side of the development not constrained by existing development. These pedestrian paths shall connect to neighboring streets, transit routes, parks and open space areas.</u>		R		R		R		R

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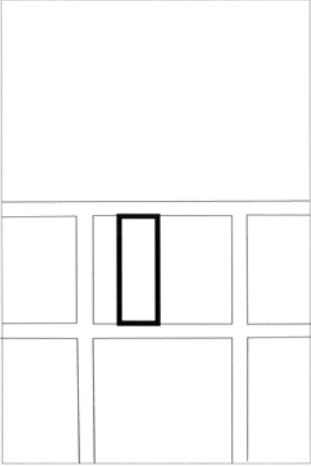
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2. Subdivisions located on current or potential bus routes, as articulated in the <u>Transportation Element of the Langley Comprehensive Plan</u> , shall contain an area for at least one bus stop designed into the neighborhood pedestrian system.		R		R		R		R
<b>B. Internal Connections</b>								
1. <u>Land divisions shall include an internal pedestrian circulation system</u> designed to assure that pedestrians can walk safely and easily on the site between properties, public facilities, and activities or special features within the neighborhood open space system. <del>All roadside footpaths should connect with off-road trails, which, in turn, should link with existing or potential open space on adjoining parcels, where applicable.</del> <i>From Evaluation Criteria 17.04.135 (H).</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
2. The <u>internal pedestrian circulation system</u> <del>through</del> shall include appropriately scaled walkways, paths, trails or sidewalks (see the city Land Development Standards for appropriateness of sidewalks). <i>Modified language from Section 17.04.075 Flexible Lot Standards E.3</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
3. <u>The internal pedestrian system shall contain midblock pedestrian only walkways wherever a block dimension exceeds 600 feet in length.</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

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<b>Standard Three: Street Layout and Design</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<b>A. Street Layout</b>								
1. <u>Subdivisions shall be composed primarily of a grid, modified grid or hybrid street system.</u> Subdivisions that are developed solely with dead end or single access loop roads are not allowed, except in instances where existing conditions such as developed neighboring parcels or the presence of critical areas or preserved open space areas preclude a different street design.								
 <p>(a.) Grid or (b.) modified grid streets are required for subdivisions, unless existing conditions such as critical or developed areas preclude the use of the design. (c.) Single-access loops or (d.) dead end roads are typically not allowed. A hybrid systems, or a combinations of the above road layouts are allowed, as long as the system remains primarily a grid or modified grid system.</p>	R	R	R	R	R	R		
2. Streets inside a subdivision shall connect to existing off-site roads that abut the property, <u>where possible or make provision for future vehicular connection with neighboring undeveloped parcels.</u> <u>No vehicular connections are required in areas where critical areas, protected open space, or existing development preclude future connections.</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

<p>a. <u>When a subdivision is developed adjacent to a neighboring grid or modified grid, the subdivision shall incorporate the existing street connections and grid into the design of the subdivision.</u></p>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<p>b. <u>When a loop road or cul-de-sac is used, the layout shall be designed to allow for at least one future vehicular connection with a neighboring parcel unless precluded by critical areas, protected open space or existing development.</u></p>  <p>Sites shall be designed to connect to adjacent parcels where possible. These examples demonstrate potential connection methods for a.) loop roads and b.) cul-de-sacs.</p>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<p>3. <u>When a subdivision is proposed on an existing parcel within a historic subdivision and the development requires a new road or lane, the development shall provide an access that connects with and is usable by adjacent parcels. New access roads shall provide a vehicular access easement to adjacent parcels.</u></p>  <p>Subdivisions shall promote connectivity, even at the smallest scale. Methods to connect to portions of the existing street system include: (a.) the creation of a private lane through the property; (b.) the creation of an individual alley at the rear of the property; or a combination of the two. The continuation of these connections can be seen in (c.) and (d.)</p>	R	R	R	R				
<p>4. <u>Appropriate designs for future connections between on site and off-site streets include half street improvements, dedicated easements or the creation of a temporary stub to be used when neighboring properties are developed.</u></p>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<p><b>B. Street Design</b></p>								
<p>1. <u>Land divisions shall recognize the streets' role as public space and design streets to balance the needs of all uses and users.</u></p>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

2. <u>Land divisions shall design public streets in accordance with the Street Design Standards found in LMC 15. Streets shall be designed to compliment the character of the subdivision. This may be accomplished through the reduction of right of way and/or street width (subject to approval of the city engineer), the minimization of curb cuts, and the preservation of streetside vegetation. (NEW-MODIFIED FROM FLEXIBLE LOT STANDARDS)</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>C. Single-Access Streets or Street Systems.</u>								
1. <u>No street or street system with only one access/ egress shall provide access to more than thirty commercial and residential units. Approval of a subdivision that would exceed this limit shall require a second ingress/ egress route provided by the applicant. This ingress/ egress route must be usable for construction traffic before site development and must be completed to the City's standards prior to the issuance of occupancy permits.</u>			R	R	R	R	R	R

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<b>Standard Four: Lot Design</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<u>A. Lots lines shall be generally oriented perpendicular or radial to the street.</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>B. No double fronted lots are permitted.</u>								
 <p>Double fronted lots, or lots that face two different streets, are not permitted in residential portions of the City of Langley. This example demonstrates the layout of a double fronted lot.</p>			R	R	R	R	R	R

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<b>Standard Five: Common Parking Design</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<u>A. Common neighborhood parking areas are encouraged in land divisions. These areas may be used to meet parking requirements or allow space for overflow parking.</u>			E	E	E	E	E	E

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B. The visual appearance of a common neighborhood parking area, when utilized, shall be deemphasized through a variety of techniques. Common parking areas shall be screened with vegetation, contain no more than eight spaces, and be accessed via an alley (except in areas where no alleys are utilized). This standard shall not apply to common parking areas that are designed to meet the parking requirements of an individual or series of attached or semi-detached buildings.			E	E	E	E	E	E
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<b>Standard Six: Design to Promote <del>Community Interaction</del> A Sense of Community and Safety</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
A. Building footprints and the accompanying principal entries and front facades shall be oriented to the street or a designated common area to promote community interaction.	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
B. Subdivisions shall incorporate one or more of the following: <del>design features such as benches, front porches, clustered mailboxes and common houses to promote the neighborhood interaction.</del>								
1. At least one group of mailboxes			E	E	E	E	E	E
2. Benches or casual seating arrangements near designated open space areas or groups of mailboxes								
3. A common building or designated neighborhood gathering area ( <i>Moved from Below</i> )								
4. A common play area or structure.								
<del>1. The subdivision shall have at least one group of mailboxes</del>			✖	✖	✖	✖	✖	✖
<del>2. The subdivision shall contain benches or casual seating arrangements near designated open space areas or groups of mailboxes</del>							✖	✖
<del>3. The subdivision shall have a common building or designated neighborhood gathering area to encourage community interaction</del>							✖	✖

## DIVERSITY

### How to design the site for social inclusion

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<b>Standard One: Design for Diverse Uses</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
A. Subdivisions shall encourage a mixture of residential and non-residential uses.	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
1. A variety of residential and non-residential uses are allowed within a subdivision, so long as the uses are allowed in the zone subject to Chapter 16C and are consistent with the standards articulated in Chapter 16E.	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

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	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<b>Standard Two: Design for Diverse Housing Types</b>								
<u>A. Short subdivisions that are three to four units in size shall have multiple housing types, not just detached dwellings.</u>			R		R		R	
<u>1. Short subdivisions with three to four units shall have at least one alternative housing unit, such as a detached small dwelling, semi-detached building, townhouse or other attached building. This requirement shall be met if the subdivision is solely comprised of one type of alternative housing.</u>			R		R		R	
<u>2. Alternative housing units proposed in accordance with the standard listed above must be an allowed use in the underlying zone as listed in Table 16C-1 and meet all standards for the use found in section 16E.20.</u>			R		R		R	
<u>B. Subdivisions with five or more units shall include a mixture of housing types, which may include detached, detached small dwelling, semi-detached, and attached construction.</u>				R		R		R
<u>1. Housing types within subdivisions that contain five units or more shall occur in the following range of proportions:</u> <u>-Detached units: 0-40 percent</u> <u>-Detached-Small dwelling units: 30-60 percent</u> <u>-Semi-detached and attached units: 30-60 percent</u>				R		R		R
<u>2. Housing types within subdivisions of more than 20 units shall be spread throughout the development site, not concentrated into individual areas that are solely encompassed by one housing type.</u>				R		R		R
<u>C. The maximum lot size for detached single-family dwellings within a land division is 9600 square feet.</u>					R	R	R	R
<u>D. When a land division does not exhaust its development potential, the development shall create a tract reserved for future development. This reserved tract shall be designed to be consistent with the diversity standards listed above and other standards found within this code. The tract shall specify the type and amount of uses to be used for future development and the amount of square footage that is allocated to each use.</u>					R	R	R	R

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<b>Standard Three: Design for a Diverse Economic Population</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<u>A. Subdivisions shall dedicate the following amount of lot square footage, based on the total number of housing units within a subdivision, to an affordable housing provider approved by the City of Langley.</u> -If a subdivision contains 0-10 units, no donated lots are required. -If a subdivision contains 11-20 units, one 5,000 or more square foot lot is required to be donated. -If a subdivision contains 21 or more units, the total amount of donated square feet shall be determined by rounding the total number of units up to the nearest tens digit (ie. 30, 40, 50, etc.) and multiplying the result by 250 square feet. <u>Lots for affordable housing created in this way shall not count against the total developable area of a site. <del>no lots smaller than 5000 square feet shall be donated to an affordable housing provider.</del></u>				R		R		R
<u>1. The number and type of units to be constructed on the donated lots shall be determined prior to the recordation of the plat and <del>shall meet the proportional standards for the subdivision listed in Diversity Standard Two B.1</del> shall not be factored into the proportional requirements for the development, except in instances where the number of attached units exceeds the proportion specified in Diversity Standard Two (B).</u>				R		R		R
<u>2. Each lot donated to an affordable housing provider shall contain a deed restriction structured by the affordable housing provider to limit the cost of the unit in perpetuity.</u>				R		R		R
<u>3. All units constructed on the donated lots shall meet the exterior design standards specified in the Codes, Covenants and Restrictions of the subdivision.</u>				R		R		R

## SUSTAINABILITY

### How to design the site for a light imprint.

	<b>VCD DBD PI</b>		<b>TVD TVD-MR MSD</b>		<b>RVD- 6000</b>		<b>RVD- 4000 SED</b>	
<b>Standard One: Low-Impact Development</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<u>A. Subdivisions shall utilize low-impact development measures except where local conditions do not permit.</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>1. Subdivisions shall preserve areas of permeable, native soils and enhance disturbed soils to store and infiltrate storm flows.</u>			R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>2. Subdivisions shall retain and incorporate topographic site features to slow, store and infiltrate stormwater.</u>			R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>3. Subdivisions shall retain and incorporate natural drainage features and patterns.</u>			R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>4. Subdivisions shall encourage drainage at the point where rain falls and discourage impervious cover through the use of various technologies, such as pervious pavement, green roofs, and other means. <del>through the use of technologies such as pervious paving and green roofs.</del></u>			R	R	R	R	R	R

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<b>Standard Two: Native Landscaping</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
A. <u>Subdivisions shall landscape common areas, cul-de-sac islands, and both sides of new streets with native species shade trees and flowering shrubs with high wildlife conservation value. From Evaluation Criteria 17.04.135 and 17.08.115 (F)</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

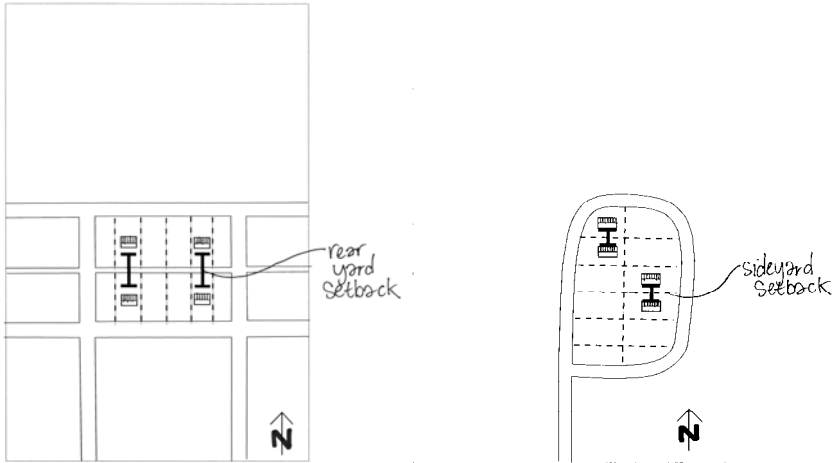
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<b>Standard Three: Promotion of Community Agriculture Food Production</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
A. <u>Subdivisions larger than twelve lots in size should designate potential areas for community food production as part of the open space system. All other subdivisions are also encouraged to provide areas for community food production, as practical. Subdivisions larger than twelve lots in size shall provide areas for community agriculture as part of the open space system. All other subdivisions are encouraged to provide areas for community agriculture.</u>			E	E	E	E	E	E
1. <u>Where areas are devoted to community agriculture within a subdivision, adequate solar access must be maintained to ensure that the area receives sunlight.</u>				R		R		R
B. <u>Subdivisions shall not establish CC&amp;Rs or other forms of deed restrictions that prohibit areas for growing produce, including greenhouses, on any portion or area of residential rear yards, side yards, balconies, patios or rooftops. Greenhouses, but not gardens, may be prohibited in front yard areas that face the street.</u>			R	R	R	R	R	R

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<b>Standard Four: Solar Orientation (PROPOSED VERSION SEE EXISTING BELOW)</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
A. <u>Subdivisions-should promote daylighting and the solar orientation of buildings, except where the clustering of units or a conservation feature limits the ability to achieve orientation to the sun.</u>	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
B. <u>Subdivisions shall consider the incorporation of the following design features to promote daylighting and solar orientation:</u>	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
1. <u>Roofs or roof elements that generally face south and run west to east.</u>	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
2. <u>Streets that generally run north to south or west to east.</u>	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

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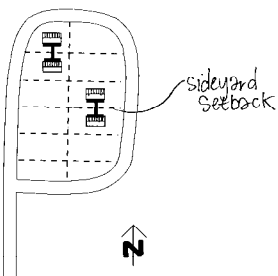
3. Sideyard or rear yard setbacks to encourage solar access for properties located north of other buildings.



Side or rear yard setbacks help to provide solar access for buildings that are located north of other buildings. These examples display how these setbacks may be used to promote solar orientation. In the example on the left, solar access to buildings on the south side of the block is generally insured due to the distance across the right-of-way, which acts as a setback from the house across the street.

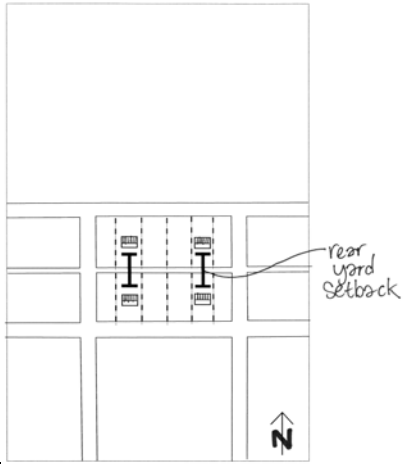
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<b><u>Standard Four: Solar Orientation</u></b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<del><u>A. Subdivisions shall be designed to promote the solar orientation of buildings, except where a conservation feature may limit access to the sun.</u></del>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<del><u>1. Roofs in subdivisions shall generally face south and run west to east.</u></del>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<del><u>2. Streets shall generally run north to south or west to east.</u></del>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<del><u>a. When streets run north and south, lots and homes should run west to east. Lots and homes on such streets shall generally be spaced with a sideyard setback to ensure that each lot and home has solar access.</u></del>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<del><u>When streets run generally north and south, sufficient sideyard separation between buildings is essential to provide solar access. This example displays how buildings can be separated by a sideyard setback to provide solar access.</u></del>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



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<del>b. When streets run west and east, lots and homes may either run west to east or north to south.</del>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
(1). <del>When a home runs west to east on the south side of a block that runs west to east, a rear yard setback shall be utilized to ensure that the backing properties receive solar access.</del>								
	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<del>When streets run generally west and east, sufficient rear yard separation is essential to provide solar access for buildings on the north side of the block. This example displays how the use of a rear yard setback can insure solar access for north block properties. Solar access to buildings on the south side of a block is generally insured due to the distance across the right of way, which typically acts as a setback from the house to the south across the street.</del>								
(2). <del>When a home runs north to south on a block that runs west to east, the home should incorporate a west to east running roof element to ensure that the home has future access to passive and/or active solar.</del>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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<b>Standard Five: Design for Dark Skies</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<u>A. Street, common area, and façade lighting shall be pedestrian scaled, shielded and directed downward, dark sky compliant, and consistent with City of Langley lighting standards</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>1. Subdivisions shall stipulate continued adherence to City of Langley lighting standards through Codes, Covenants and Restrictions or other binding documents that ensure continued adherence to these standards.</u>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

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<b>Standard Six: Alternative Wastewater Treatment Systems</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<u>A. Subdivisions may incorporate on-site biological waste treatment facilities or grey water recycling when such facilities are consistent with the City of Langley wastewater treatment regulations.</u>					C	C	C	C

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<b>Standard Seven: Clotheslines</b>	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP	SP	LP
<u>A. Subdivisions shall not restrict clotheslines on the side or rear of the house through CC&amp;Rs or other forms of deed restrictions. Clotheslines may be prohibited in front yard areas.</u>			R	R	R	R	R	R

## 16G.70 VARIATION FROM STANDARDS

### 16G.70.010 Flexible lot standards.

Subdivisions ~~established pursuant to the~~ that seek to utilize a flexible lot design in the DBD, TVD-MR, TVD and MSD Zones ~~process~~ shall be subject to the following lot development standards. For standards not listed below but contained in Chapter ~~18-16~~ LMC, the standards in Chapter ~~18-16~~ apply (ex: building height and road and access standards).

A. Minimum lot size requirement: 5,000 square feet. Development densities shall comply with the densities allowed in the underlying zone and any bonus provisions set forth in ~~the~~ this Title ~~or Title 18.~~

B. Lot setback and dimensional requirements:

1. Yard setbacks:

a. Front: 10 feet

b. Side: 5 feet, except in the case of attached housing where a side lot line can be zero for the common wall housing units.

c. Rear: 25 feet

C. Minimum lot width at street frontage: twenty-five feet;

~~D. Open space shall be established consistent with the following performance standards:~~

~~1. Open space shall be established to preserve the natural character of the city;~~

~~2. Where practical, open space shall be concentrated in large usable areas.~~

~~3. Where possible, open space shall connect to adjacent off site open space areas;~~

~~4. Where possible, the city character of the roadways shall be maintained through the minimization of disturbance of roadside vegetation.~~

~~5. Open space areas shall be maintained permanently by the property owner, the property owner's association or the city for properties dedicated to the City, which is to be determined at the time of plat approval.~~

~~E. Roads and access performance standards:~~

~~1. Connections to existing off site roads which abut the property shall be required where practicable;~~

~~2. Pedestrian access onto the site shall be maximized. This may be accommodated through the provision of on site walkways, trails, paths or sidewalks (see the city Land Development Standards for appropriateness of sidewalks) which originate at the property's public access;~~

~~3. Internal pedestrian circulation shall be facilitated through appropriately sealed walkways, paths trails or sidewalks (see the city Land Development Standards for appropriateness of sidewalks)~~

~~4. Where practical, existing roadway character shall be maintained. This may be accomplished through the reduction of right of way and/or roadway width (subject to approval of the city engineer), the minimization of curb cuts, and the preservation of roadside vegetation. (FROM Section 17.04.075)~~

(Ord. 820, 2002)

### 16G.70.010 Variations from standards.

A. Variations and exceptions from the dimensional standards and improvement requirements as set forth in this chapter may be made in those instances where it is deemed that hardship, topography, or other factual deterrent conditions prevail, and in such manner as ~~it is~~ considered necessary to maintain the intent and purpose of these regulations and requirements.

*(FROM Section 17.04.130)*

## **16G.80 DEDICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS**

### **16G.80.010 Dedications and reservations.**

No ~~short subdivision~~ land division shall be approved unless adequate provision is made for such drainage ways, streets, and other general purposes as may be required to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Provisions for such uses may be made by dedicating land for public use, by reserving land for future public acquisition and development, or by conveying land or easements therein to nonprofit corporations for use by all or a limited segment of the public. All dedications and reservations shall be recited on the face of the ~~short~~ plat as well as incorporated in such documents as may be needed to reflect the assignment of interest.

*(FROM Section 17.08.120)*

### **16G.80.020 Procedure for dedications.**

Lands shall be deeded to the public by quitclaim deed. Refusal of the city council to accept a dedication shall not be grounds for disapproval of the ~~short~~ plat submitted for final approval and recording the final plan ~~by the planning advisory board~~, unless the sub-divider will not otherwise provide required dedication or reservation. *(FROM Section 17.08.130 WITH SOME MODIFIED SECTIONS)*

## **16G.90 ADMINISTRATION OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**

### **16G.90.010 Enforcement.**

In the enforcement of this chapter, the city attorney may petition the superior court for injunctive relief. An assurance of discontinuance may be accepted by the city attorney of any act or practice deemed in violation of this act from any person engaging in or who had engaged in such acts or practices. Any such assurance shall be in writing, and shall be filed subject to approval of the Island County Superior Court. The violation of such assurance shall constitute prima facie proof of a violation of this chapter. *(FROM Section 17.08.150)*

### **16G.90.020 Withdrawals.**

Where there have been no sales, gifts, leases, conveyances or other transfers of ownership or interest of any lots in a ~~short subdivision~~ land division, nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit a sub-divider from completely withdrawing the entire ~~short~~ plat and thereafter presenting a new application. Such withdrawal shall be approved by the city and filed for record with the county auditor. *(FROM Section 17.08.060)*

### **16G.90.030 Interpretation, conflict and separability.**

A. Interpretation. In their interpretation and application, the provisions of these regulations shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare. These regulations shall be construed broadly to promote the purposes for which they are adopted.

1. Public Provisions. These regulations are not intended to interfere with, abrogate, or annul any other ordinance, rule or regulation, statute or other provision of law except as provided in these regulations. Where any provision of these regulations imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other provision of these regulations or any other ordinance, rule or regulation, or other provision of law, the provision which is more restrictive or imposes higher standards shall control.

2. Private Provisions. These regulations are not intended to abrogate any easement, covenant or any other private agreement or restriction, provided that where the provisions of these regulations are more restrictive or impose higher standards or regulations than such easement, covenant, or other private agreement or restriction, the requirements of these regulations shall govern. Where the provisions of the easement, covenant, or private agreement or restriction impose duties and obligations more restrictive or standards that are higher than the requirements of these regulations, and the private provisions are not inconsistent with these regulations or the determinations made under these regulations, then the private provisions shall be operative and supplemental to these regulations and the determinations made under the regulations. However, private covenants will not be enforced by the city.

B. Separability. If any part or provision of these regulations or the application of these regulations to any person or circumstances is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision, or application directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall be rendered and it shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of these regulations or the applications of them to other persons or circumstances. The city council declares that it would have enacted the remainder of these regulations even without any such part, provision, or application which is judged to be invalid. (NEW)

#### **16G.90.040 Saving provision.**

A. These regulations shall not be construed as abating any action now pending under, or by virtue of, prior existing subdivision regulations, or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or about to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, firm, or corporation, or as waiving any right of the municipality under any section or provision existing at the time of adoption of these regulations, or as vacating or annulling any rights obtained by any person, firm, or corporation, by lawful action of the municipality except as shall be expressly provided for in these regulations.

B. In the event that any provision or provisions of the comprehensive plan or its implementing development regulations are held to be invalid by the growth management hearings board, the policies and rules in place prior to those held to be invalid shall be deemed to be in place except for any part of those policies or rules separately held by the board to be invalid. (NEW)

#### **16G.90.050 Amendments.**

For the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare, the city council planning advisory board or citizens may from time to time propose amendments to these regulations. An amendment proposal is a type V application subject to LMC 16I.34 (NEW)