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after the date this Summons was served upon you, excluding the day of service, if this Summons was served outside the State of Washington, or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where the Petitioners are entitled to what is asked for because you have not responded. If you serve a Notice of Appearance on the undersigned attorney, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.

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If you wish to seek advice of any attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time.

This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.

DATED this 26th day of March, 2003.

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DECISION MAKING BODY

This appeal is taken from the Final Order issued March 14, 2003 by the Skamania County Board of Adjustment (the "Board") denying petitioners' Appeal of the Administrative Decision to the Critical Areas Variance Application No CA-02-04 (the "Final Order). Skamania County's address is 240 Vancouver Street, PO Box 790; Stevenson, WA 98648. A true and correct copy of the Final Order is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A."

ADDITIONAL PARTIES

Lawrence L'Hommedieu is a necessary party to this petition under RCW 36.70C.040(b)(i), as the person identified by name as the applicant for the Variance at issue. The Final Order does not identify Lawrence L'Hommedieu's address, but his mailing address is believed to be 101 River Glen Road, Washougal, WA 98671.

PETITIONERS' STANDING TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW

Petitioners have standing to bring this land use petition as the owners of real property neighboring the L'Hommedieu property. Petitioners are prejudiced by the Final Order because the value and enjoyment of their property is adversely affected by the decision to grant a critical areas variance. The result of this decision is that instead of having one home located next to their property, they will instead have two houses, one within 15 feet of the property line and the other within 50 feet. In addition, grant of the variance and construction of the improvements contemplated will violate Codes, Covenants and Restrictions ("CC & Rs") affecting both petitioners' and respondents L'Hommedieu's properties, along with all property in the subdivision. These injuries would be eliminated by a judgment in petitioners' favor. Their interests are among those that the jurisdiction is required to consider because as part of a decision to grant a variance, Skamania County was required to determine that the grant would not be

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injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity and zone. The petitioners have exhausted their administrative remedies to the extent required by law.

STATEMENT OF ERROR

- 6. Petitioners allege the Board's decision to deny their appeal of the Variance is in error for the following reasons:
- A. The land use decision is not supported by evidence that is substantial when viewed in light of the whole record before the court; and
- B. The land use decision is a clearly erroneous application of the law to the facts.

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO SUSTAIN THE STATEMENT OF ERROR

- 7. Mr. L'Hommedieu owns two lots in the River Glen subdivision. A home is located on one of the lots. He proposes construction of a single-family residence extending to within 50 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark of the Washougal River and to within 18 feet of an unnamed Class V Stream running between the two lots.
- 8. A septic system already serves the existing residence. This septic system is proposed to be moved and another septic system will be constructed to serve the proposed residence. Both septic systems will be located less than fifty (50) feet from the Class V stream.
- 9. In order to construct the residence, L'Hommedieu filed a request for a variance from Skamania County's Critical Areas setback of 25 feet for a Class V Stream to 18 feet, and reducing the 100-foot Critical Area buffer for the Washougal River to 50 feet. Skamania County Code §21A.04.020(C) allows an administrative variance to buffer widths not to exceed 50% if the applicant meets criteria specified in SCC §21A.16.060(B).

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These criteria include a requirement that "any variance granted shall be subject to such conditions as will assure that the adjustment thereby authorized shall not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and zone in which the subject property is situated. . . . " The following circumstances must also apply:

- A. Because of special circumstances applicable to subject property, including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings, the strict application of the zoning ordinance is found to deprive subject property of rights and privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity and under identical zone classification and/or special purpose district,
- B. That the granting of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity and zone classification and/or special purpose district in which subject property is situated.

In addition, the applicant must show that no practicable alternative exists to locating the proposed development within the buffer area and that on-site mitigation measures agreed to by the applicant are adequate to avoid significant degradation of the stream.

- 10. Under the criteria required by the code and based on the evidence presented, the petitioners believe the following findings are in error based on the evidence in the record and the applicable law.
- A. The grant of the Variance does constitute a grant of special privilege to the applicant. The finding made by the administrator is that this is not a special privilege because it is a single family dwelling and its associated well and septic systems are normal developments in residential property and that the variance is necessary to assure the home and its related impact are minimized. In fact, Mr. L'HOMMEDIEU already has one house on his property. He is now asking for a variance in order to build a second house.

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This density of development is not consistent with the neighborhood. The neighbors two properties away from Mr. L'HOMMEDIEU have one house on four lots while petitioners have one house on two lots. In addition, another property immediately adjacent to L'Hommedieus consists of four lots which are unimproved and are being combined into one legal lot. Mr. L'HOMMEDIEU already has a house on his two lots. Evidence was submitted showing that in the past, multiple lots were required in order to issue septic permits. Further, since the lots are quite small, using multiple lots for a single residence preserves the rural character of the area. Because the proposed residence is inconsistent with the limitations on other properties, the variance amounts to a grant of special privilege.

County staff argues in its staff report to the Board that because the lots owned by respondents were created prior to the enactment of zoning regulations and are considered legal non-conforming lots entitled to each have a single family home, no special privilege exists. However, this fails to consider that all properties in the River Glen subdivision are affected by CC & Rs affecting the location of improvements. Therefore, staff's contention that no limitations exist on other properties preventing home construction on each property owned is incorrect.

Although evidence was introduced, the County refused to consider the CC & Rs controlling the property that state:

> "During the period of twenty-five years from and after the first date of June, 1944, the aforesaid property or any buildings or structures erected thereon shall not be used for any purpose which will cause pollution (sic) to the waters of the Washougal River or any tributary thereof and all sewage disposal shall be by means of a septic tank of standard design, and no septic tank or drainage shall discharge within fifty feet of the banks of the Washougal River or any tributary thereof."

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The CC & Rs then provide that they are "automatically extended for successive periods of ten years" unless changed by a vote of the majority of land owner. The septic systems proposed by respondents L'Hommedieu breaches these CC & Rs because the systems proposed are located within 50 feet of a tributary of the Washougal River. The CC & Rs are attached as Exhibit "B." A finding was also made by the administrator that special

circumstances warrant granting of the variance because a Class V Stream runs along the north edge of the property with a buffer; certain setbacks apply; and the lot is relatively narrow. The administrator goes on to find that not granting the variance would leave an area only 30 feet wide for home construction. Several other constraints are mentioned including a 50-foot front yard zoning setback, the location of the Washougal River and a 40-foot critical area buffer along the eastern edge of the property and the necessity of constructing septic tanks and drain fields according to standards which require they be located a certain distance from the Washougal River and from the septic system that is already on the property. Again, this consideration regarding the septic system does not consider the CC & Rs that affect the property.

Further, the location of improvements on the property was determined by the property owner himself and therefore cannot amount to special circumstances. The additional constraints involving setbacks and buffers were readily observable at the time of purchase of the property.

The administrator made a finding that the grant of variance would not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity and zone. Appellants argue that the grant of the variance will be materially detrimental to their property. They will then have two houses next 111 111 111 111 111

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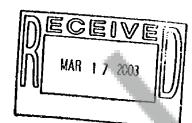
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The Board adopted the Finding of Facts, Conclusions, Decision & Conditions set out in the Administrative Decision.

THIS ACTION shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days of the date set out below, the applicant or an adverse party make application to a court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of certiorari, a writ of prohibition, or a writ of mandamus.

DATED THIS 14th day of March, 2003, at Stevenson, Washington.

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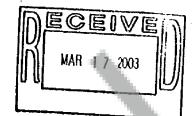
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