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# Skamania County Department of Planning and Community Development

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# Letter Amendment to Administrative Decision NSA-96-60-L1

APPLICANT:

Dale Grams

FILE NO.:

Amendment to NSA-96-60

REFERENCE NO.:

Administrative Decision for NSA-96-60, recorded on Book 164 Page 524, in the

Skamania County Auditor's Office.

PROJECT:

An addition to an existing home.

LOCATION:

12 Marble Road, Washougal, WA; Section 17 of T1N, R5E, W.M. and identified

as Skamania County Tax Lot #01-05-17-0-0-1400-00.

LEGAL:

See attached page 5

**ZONING:** 

Special Management Area - Agriculture (AG)

June 28, 2006

Dear Mr. Grams,

The Planning Department issued a final Administrative Decision on April 17, 1997 for the above referenced application. On June 13, 2006 we received a letter from you requesting an amendment. In your letter amendment you request that we modify condition of approval #4, which specifies: "The existing trees to the north and east of the existing house shall be retained." You have asked that this condition of approval be

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modified to reflect the Scenic Easement, which states, "The right to gather and cut naturally dead and down timber for firewood and domestic uses and to eliminate direct safety hazards to existing structures."

You have found the cluster of fir trees directly north of the house, which are at risk of falling on to the house or causing damage existing structures. Mark Mazeski, Senior Planner, and I conducted a site visit on June 23, 2006. Based upon our observations, there are ample other trees on site that provide screening and backdrop to the development, which you have planted to the north and east of the dwelling.

Pursuant to SCC §22.06.080(B), a change or alteration to an approved action, if determined to be minor by the Director, may be "deemed consistent with the provisions of this Title and the findings and conclusions on the original application." The proposed request constitutes a minor change; therefore, the original decision shall be amended as stated below.

## Condition of Approval #4:

"The existing trees to the north and east of the existing house shall be retained."

Shall be amended to read:

"The applicant shall be allowed to cut naturally dead and down timber for firewood and domestic uses and to eliminate direct safety hazards to existing structures."

All of the original conditions in the Administrative Decision are still valid and shall be complied with. As a reminder, this letter amendment needs to be recorded at the County Auditor's office, as was your Administrative Decision. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 509-427-3900.

Sincerely,

Jessica Davenport Associate Planner

### APPEALS

The Director reserves the right to provide additional comment and findings of fact regarding this decision, if appealed.

This Letter Amendment Decision shall be final unless reversed or modified on appeal. A written Notice of Appeal form must be filed by an interested person within 20 days from the date hereof. Appeals are to be made to the Skamania County Board of Adjustment, P.O. Box 790, Stevenson, WA 98648. Notice of Appeal forms are available at the Planning Department Office and must be accompanied by a \$1,000.00 nonrefundable filing fee.

### WARNING

On November 30, 1998 the Columbia River Gorge Commission overturned a Skamania County Director's Decision 18 months after the 20-day appeal period had expired. You are hereby warned that you are proceeding at your own risk and Skamania County will not be liable for any damages you incur in reliance upon your Director's Decision or any amendments thereto.

cc: Skamania County Building Division
Skamania County Assessor's Office
Skamania County Health Dept.
Persons w/in 500 feet
Yakama Indian Nation
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
Nez Perce Tribe
Cowlitz Tribe
Columbia River Gorge Commission
U.S. Forest Service - NSA Office
Board of County Commissioners
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Washington Department of Community Development - Dee Caputo

Attached:

Letter request for Amendment

Vicinity Map

# Dale L. Grams Post Office Box 346 Washougal, Washington 98671 360-835-1016

June 13, 2006

Skamania County Planning and Community Development Post Office Box 790 Stevenson, Washington 98648



Gentlemen,

I am requesting an amendment to the Director's Decision, File Number: **NSA-96-60**.

Please amend item number 4 which currently reads: "The existing trees to the north and east of the existing house shall be retained."

It should read so as to conform to the scenic easement, which states on item number 8: "The right to gather and cut naturally dead and down timber for firewood and domestic uses and to eliminate direct safety hazards to existing structures."

The physical address of the property is: 12 Marble Road.

I have attached copies of the pages that apply, along with a check in the amount of \$50.00 for this application.

Yours,

Dale L. Grams

That portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 1 Morth, Range 5. East of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Skamania, State of Washington, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the said Section 17; thence East 2651.6 feet to the Quarter corner on the South line of the said Section 17; thence North 1584 feet along the Quarter Section line running North and South through the center of the said Section 17; thence West 1335 feet to the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the said Section 17; thence South 170 feet; thence Mest 930 feet; thence Southwesterly 429 feet to point on public road 1254 feet North of the point of beginning; thence South 1254 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT the following described tract:

Beginning at a point 20 rods East of the Southwest corner of said Section 17; thence North 10 rods; thence East 6 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence West to the point of beginning; AND EXCEPT that portion of the Southwest Quarter of the said Section 17 lying Southerly of Primary State Highway No. 8 as presently located and established.

