# BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER CITY OF SEATTLE

In the Matter of the Appeal of

#### ESCALA OWNERS ASSOCIATION,

from a decision by the Director, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections Hearing Examiner File: **MUP-20-012** 

# AMENDED:ORDER ON STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

Due to conditions of a global pandemic, the Office of Hearing Examiner ("OHE") is taking precautions to maintain a safe and healthy hearing environment for OHE system users and staff in response to COVID-19. The evolving situation regarding COVID-19 dictates we initiate measures to help keep the community safe, including where necessary, rescheduling, continuing, or suspending appeals or any aspect thereof.

On March 16, 2020 the Office of Hearing Examiner adopted an emergency rule entitled "Office of Hearing Examiner Operating Rules During COVID-19." (See a copy of the Rule at: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/HearingExaminer/CODV19%20HXE%20Factsh</u> <u>eets/Emergency%20Order%203-16-2020.pdf</u>)

This emergency rule requires that all hearings be conducted remotely. In addition, on March 25, 2020 the Washington Governor issued Proclamation 20-25, prohibiting all people in Washington State from leaving their homes and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting in person business ("Stay Home – Stay Healthy Proclamation"). Office of Hearing Examiner hearings are not considered "essential business" under the Proclamation.

Under the circumstances, the OHE is suspending the hearing schedule for matters wherein any party is not able to fully participate by remote technology, as is the case with MUP-20-012. We anticipate reevaluating the hearing calendar on an ongoing basis and will contact each of the parties to this matter if there is any change in schedule. The OHE will contact or update you as to scheduling status no later than Friday June 19, 2020.

If any party believe that this matter needs urgent attention from the Examiner prior to that date, or if special accommodations are needed then they should submit their request/concerns to the Examiner in writing at their convenience.

The Hearing Examiner hereby stays Case Number MUP-20-012. This stay precludes the scheduling of any teleconferencing, scheduling of any hearings, and filing of motions. In this instance, the stay does not apply to discovery, and the parties may proceed with discovery efforts during this period.

Entered this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

<u>s/Ryan Vancil</u> Ryan Vancil, Hearing Examiner

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that on this date I sent true and correct copies of the attached <u>Order on Stay of Proceedings</u> to each person listed below, or on the attached mailing list, in the matters of <u>ESCALA OWNERS ASSOCIATION</u>, Hearing Examiner Files: <u>MUP-20-012 (W)</u> in the manner indicated.

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Dated: May 14, 2020

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