

Dennis Saxman

From: Dennis Saxman <peregrin1749@centurylink.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 9:56 AM
To: William.Mills@seattle.gov
Cc: geoffrey.wentlandt@seattle.gov; mike.podowski@seattle.gov
Subject: Demand for Documents as Ordered by the Hearing Examiner

Hi Bill,

In her Order on Motions to Limit/Compel Discovery, the Hearing Examiner mandated that the DPD provide to the Appellants, the following items:

- (1) Any additional Documents showing an analysis and evaluation of fire hazards and other safety impacts related to the proposal;
- (2) Any additional documents that discuss the potential number of residents that can be housed in microhousing projects under various configurations or designs, and the impacts of those alternative designs or configurations; and
- (3) Any documents analyzing or reviewing whether the proposed regulations could cause an increase in microhousing projects, and documents which consider whether agency discretion in administering the proposed legislation would increase the impacts of the projects.

Appellants would appreciate your prompt attention to this, as their Final Witness and Exhibit Lists are due Monday, December 16th.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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From: Mills, William <William.Mills@seattle.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 10:34 AM
To: Dennis Saxman
Cc: Wentlandt, Geoffrey; Podowski, Mike
Subject: RE: Demand for Documents as Ordered by the Hearing Examiner
Attachments: Hill (micro-housing safety).docx; Key Code Provisions.pdf

Hello Dennis – Please see the attached documents and responses in italics below. I will send you the Fire Department memorandum in a separate e-mail to follow.

Sincerely – Bill Mills, Senior Land Use Planner, DPD

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(1) Any additional Documents showing an analysis and evaluation of fire hazards and other safety impacts related to the proposal;

Attached is a cover letter from Jon Siu, DPD Principal Engineer, to Greg Hill and analysis of fire safety provisions also prepared by Mr. Siu, that was also provided to Mr. Hill. A separate e-mail memo from the Fire Marshal discussing application of the Fire Code to micro-housing is also provided. DPD believes these documents are responsive to item 1.

(2) Any additional documents that discuss the potential number of residents that can be housed in microhousing projects under various configurations or designs, and the impacts of those alternative designs or configurations; and

DPD believes a complete response has been provided to item 2. This subject is addressed in the Director's Report, previously provided.

(3) Any documents analyzing or reviewing whether the proposed regulations could cause an increase in microhousing projects, and documents which consider whether agency discretion in administering the proposed legislation would increase the impacts of the projects.

DPD believes a complete response has been provided to item 3. This subject is addressed in the Director's Report and in the Streamlined Design Review report, previously provided.

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Cc: Podowski, Mike; Wentlandt, Geoffrey
Subject: FW: Micro-Housing Units

Fire Department memo re. Fire Code and micro-housing.

From: Podowski, Mike
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 4:50 PM
To: Mills, William
Subject: Micro-Housing Units

From: Nelsen, John
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 9:36 AM
To: Siu, Jon; Lupton, Rick; Podowski, Mike
Cc: Sugimura, Diane; Byrd, Russ
Subject: Micro-Housing Units

The Seattle Fire Department (SFD) participates in the development and revisions to the Seattle Building Code and DPD Director's Rules that contain reference(s) to Seattle Fire Code requirements. SFD reviewed and provided input to the DPD for Director's Rule 6-2012; Building, Mechanical and Energy Code Requirements for Boarding Houses Having 8 or Fewer Bedrooms and Less than 2000 Square Feet of Floor Area. Ref: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codes/dr/DR2012-6.pdf>

Although micro-housing/boarding house residential buildings are a more recent design concept, they are actually quite similar to apartment-type residential buildings from a fire hazard and SFD fire operations and/or rescue standpoint. Like apartment buildings, they incorporate automatic fire sprinkler systems, fire alarms, and other fire/life safety systems depending on size and height. Automatic fire sprinkler systems have a proven track record; automatic fire sprinklers are not readily disabled nor is there usually any reason to disable them.

The SFD provides plan review and inspection services as part of the City construction permitting process for all buildings, including micro-housing style apartment buildings, to ensure that all required fire and related building code fire/life safety systems and features are properly installed in the buildings.

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From: Mills, William <William.Mills@seattle.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 11:30 AM
To: Dennis Saxman
Subject: RE: Micro-Housing Units

Hi Dennis – I think this is reasonable. I don't know if there are any, but I will forward this request to all staff to which this e-mail was sent and ask them to do a search. This will likely take a few days to give staff some time.
Sincerely – Bill Mills, Senior Land Use Planner, DPD

From: Dennis Saxman [<mailto:peregrin1749@centurylink.net>]
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 11:22 AM
To: Mills, William
Subject: RE: Micro-Housing Units

Hi Bill,

Of course, I would like to see all the emails that resulted in the email the Assistant Fire Marshall's email below. How formal do I have to make that request?

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From: Mills, William [<mailto:William.Mills@seattle.gov>]
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 11:01 AM
To: Dennis Saxman
Subject: RE: Micro-Housing Units

Hi Dennis – It is an e-mail "memo" only, so no separate attachment. It is dated October 28, so it post-dates the DPD SEPA analysis and the appeal, but it may be responsive to the general question you have raised of life safety/public services.
Sincerely – Bill Mills, Senior Land Use Planner, DPD

From: Dennis Saxman [<mailto:peregrin1749@centurylink.net>]
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 10:51 AM
To: Mills, William
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Bill,

Did you mean to attach a memo or is this it? When was this statement created?

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