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CERTIFICATE OF WATER AVAILABILITY (COWA)

Connection to a Public Water System

Purpose: To assure the availability of potable drinking water per RCW 19.27 and Article III of the Thurston County Sanitary Code.

Issuance of a Certificate of Water Availability (COWA) is required prior to issuance of all building permits for new construction or change of use when potable drinking water is required.

PROJECT # _____ **TAX PARCEL#** _____ **DATE** _____

Public Water Purveyor or Owner to Complete this Section *(see instructions on page 2)*

Public Water System Name: _____ I.D.# _____ Group A or B
(circle one)

Statement of Water System Purveyor/Owner: I certify the proposed connection to this water system is within the scope of plans and specifications approved on _____ (date). Signature of this document confirms assignment of a service connection.

The system is approved for a maximum number of _____ connections. There are currently, including this connection, _____ number of active/pending service connections. The routine water quality monitoring samples and water quality are in compliance with WAC 246-290 or 291 (State Drinking Water Regulations).

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Purveyor Phone Number: _____

Building Development Center Staff to Complete this Section

FOR BUILDING DEVELOPMENT CENTER STAFF EVALUATION

Group A Systems WDOH Determination: ☐ Adequate ☐ Inadequate

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STAFF EVALUATION

Group B Systems File check: ☐ Adequate ☐ Inadequate
Total Connections: ☐ < Approved # ☐ = Approved # ☐ > Approved #
Sampling: ☐ Adequate ☐ Inadequate
Water Quality: ☐ Adequate ☐ Inadequate

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT CENTER STAFF

☐ WATER CERTIFICATE APPROVED ☐ WATER CERTIFICATE **NOT** APPROVED

Signature _____ Title: _____ Date _____

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STAFF

☐ WATER CERTIFICATE APPROVAL RECOMMENDED ☐ APPROVAL **NOT** RECOMMENDED

Signature _____ Title: _____ Date _____

CERTIFICATE OF WATER AVAILABILITY (COWA) INSTRUCTIONS CONNECTION TO A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

STEP 1 Purveyor or owner of the public water system shall complete the section of the form titled Public Water Purveyor or Owner.

STEP 2 Submit the form to:

Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development
Building Development Center
3000 Pacific Ave SE, Suite 100
Olympia, WA 98501

STEP 3

Group A Public Water Systems: Thurston County Building Development Center staff reviews the water system adequacy report provided by the Washington State Department of Health Office of Drinking Water and recommends approval of the COWA if the requirements to demonstrate water availability are met.

Group B Public Water Systems: Thurston County Environmental Health staff evaluates the public water system records to determine whether the proposed connection is within the scope of system approval, and if the system is in compliance with water quality monitoring and other operational requirements. Environmental Health staff will recommend whether or not COWA should be approved. Building Development Center staff approves the COWA if the requirements to demonstrate water availability are met.