



# Burien

Washington, USA

## Preliminary Short Plat Application (2-4 lots)

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File Number _____
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APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:	Company:	Daytime Phone:
Mailing Address:		E-Mail:
Contact person:	E-Mail:	Daytime Phone:
Property owner:		Daytime Phone:
Mailing Address:		E-Mail:

PROJECT INFORMATION		
Site Address:	Parcel Number:	
Zoning District:	Comprehensive Plan designation:	
Number of Acres:	Number of Lots:	Number of Units:
Legal description of property:		
Review Process: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Type 3		
Affected critical areas: <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands <input type="checkbox"/> Streams <input type="checkbox"/> Critical Aquifer <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide Hazard Area <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife		
Description of proposal (attach additional sheets if necessary):		

### SIGNATURE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I am the owner of the property involved in this application, and that the foregoing statements and answers herein contained and the information herewith submitted are in all respects true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I designate \_\_\_\_\_ to act as my agent with respect to this application. I agree to reimburse the City of Burien for the costs of professional Engineers and other Consultants hired by the City to review and inspect this proposal when the City is unable to do so with existing in house staff.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please see the attached checklist(s) for a list of plans and other information that must be submitted with this application and for other important information. The checklist(s) must be submitted with the application and the required submittals.



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## Short Plat (2-4 lots) Informational Handout

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### **WHAT IS A SHORT PLAT?**

A short plat, also known as a short subdivision, is the division of land into four (4) or fewer lots. The decision on a short plat application is made by the Community Development Director following issuance of a public notice, consideration of written public comments, and review of a written staff recommendation. The Director's decision can be appealed to the City's Hearing Examiner.

### **WHAT STEPS ARE REQUIRED FOR SHORT PLAT REVIEW AND HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?**

The following is a summary of the steps required for review and processing of a short plat application. The amount of time to issue a short plat decision is based on the quality of the information submitted, and City staff workload. Generally, it has been taking about 180 days to process a short plat application to preliminary decision.

1. **Pre-Application Meeting:** A pre-application meeting with the Project Review Team is required for all Land Use Reviews. Pre-application meetings are generally held twice a month on Thursday mornings. To set up a pre-application meeting, submit a [Pre-Application Meeting Request](#) with the Dept. of Community Development, along with the required information at least two weeks before the meeting. The Project Review Team consists of staff from the City Departments of Community Development (Planning and Building), and Public Works, along with staff from the appropriate water, sewer and fire districts if needed. The purpose of the pre-application meeting is to provide the applicant with a preliminary list of issues, code requirements and application requirements.
2. **Call for Application Submittal Appointment:** Call the Planner who handled your pre-application meeting to setup an application submittal appointment. Generally, this can occur within a day or two.
3. **Determination of Completeness:** Within 28 days of submittal, your application will be reviewed for completeness. A letter will be sent if additional information is needed. If the application is complete, the public notice process will begin. The City's determination of completeness does not preclude the City from requesting additional information or studies either at the time of notice of completeness or at some later time if new information is required or where there are substantial changes in the proposal.
4. **Notice of Application:** Staff will prepare a public notice of your application that is published in the newspaper, mailed to property owners within 500' of the property, and posted on the property. You are responsible for erecting a notice board for the application. The public comment period is 30 days for short plats. **You are also responsible for removing the public notice board(s) from the property within seven days after the conclusion of the public comment period.**
5. **Staff Review:** Your application will be reviewed by the Project Review Team, and any technical requirements will be provided to you. Also, the Planner assigned to your project will prepare a written advisory report (staff recommendation) analyzing your application and applicable Subdivision and Zoning Code regulations and Comprehensive Plan policies.
6. **Preliminary Decision:** The Community Development Director reviews the staff recommendation and issues a preliminary decision.
7. **Appeal:** The appeal period is 10 days after the decision has been mailed.
8. **Final Short Plat:** Within 36 months of preliminary short plat approval, you must file a final short plat map with the City. In addition, any conditions of preliminary approval required to be met prior to short plat recording must be completed. See [Final Short Plat Instructions](#) for more information.

## **HOW CAN I SPEED UP REVIEW OF MY APPLICATION?**

Review times are generally dependent on the complexity of the project, the amount and content of public comment, and staff, Hearing Examiner, and City Council workload. We pledge to review your application as quickly as possible, given all of these constraints. There are a few things that you can do that will speed up review of your application:

1. Provide Good Quality, Accurate Information: The single largest reason for delay is lack of quality, accurate information. The cheapest survey, engineering plan or soils report isn't always the best. We have samples of reports and plans that are good examples to follow for format, level of detail and content.
2. Read and Understand the Regulations and Policies: We've found that an informed applicant usually does a better job of answering the review criteria, submitting good information, and addressing neighbors concerns. It helps if you can specifically address the relevant Code sections applicable to your project. This makes our review easier, and faster.
3. Meet With Your Neighbors Before Finalizing Your Plans: Many times, neighbors oppose a project simply because they didn't know about it until they saw the public notice board. They feel that the applicant is trying to sneak something by them. An informal neighborhood meeting or individual meetings can be very helpful in diffusing opposition to your project. If done before you apply, these meetings can also allow you to make design changes so that the neighbors will be supportive of your project.

These are just a few suggestions to help you prepare and file an application that will be easy for us to review, and speed up the decision on your application.



**PLEASE RETURN THIS CHECKLIST WITH YOUR APPLICATION**

The following is a list of materials and plans which must be submitted in order to have a complete application. For some applications, it will not be necessary to submit all of the listed materials. Consult with the Department of Community Development if you have questions. Please do not turn in your application until all materials which apply to your proposal have been checked off.

<b>Pre-Application Meeting</b>	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
A pre-application meeting with a planner is required within the six months immediately prior to submittal (see separate pre-application meeting handout).	X	

  

<b>Application</b>	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
Set up an application submittal appointment with planner from pre-app	X	
A completed and signed Short Plat Application Form.	X	

  

<b>Fees</b>	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
A check payable to the City of Burien for applicable filing fees and engineering deposits (see separate fee schedule).	X	

  

<b>SEPA Environmental Checklist (5 copies)</b>	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
Five (5) copies of a completed and signed SEPA Environmental Checklist (see separate SEPA Checklist handout).		

  

<b>Existing Features Survey (5 copies)</b>	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
Five (5) copies of a survey certified by a registered land surveyor licensed in the State of Washington, drawn at 1" = 20' or a comparable scale, and one set reduced to 8½" x 11" size, containing the following information:		
1. Proposed name of the short plat.		
2. Location by section, township, range and/or other legal description.		
3. Name, address and phone number of the applicant, and agent, if any.		
4. Name, address, phone number, and seal of the registered land surveyor preparing the short plat.		
5. Scale of survey, date, and north arrow.		
6. Layout, dimensions, and size of existing lot(s).		
7. Location and dimensions of existing streets, rights-of-way and driveways on or adjacent to the site.		
8. Location and dimensions of existing easements for access, drainage, and utilities.		

9.	The location and size of existing water, sewer, drainage and power systems (including fire hydrants and location of nearest utility poles) on, under, over, or adjacent to the property, showing size, grades, and locations.		
10.	Lot lines of adjoining properties for a distance of at least 50 feet.		
11.	Location of existing structures on the site. For structures to remain that are within 25 feet of an existing or proposed property line, show the surveyed distance to existing or proposed property lines.		
12.	Location of existing walls, septic tanks and/or drain fields, and distances to existing and proposed property lines.		
13.	Location of critical areas on or within 100 feet of the site: streams, lakes, shorelines (including Ordinary High Water Mark), wetlands, flood hazard areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, aquifer recharge areas, or geologically hazardous areas.		
14.	The accurate dripline and trunk locations of all existing evergreen trees over 8" and deciduous trees over 12" in diameter by species. See BMC 19.25.130 for additional requirements.		
15.	Existing grades at 5-foot contours with the precise slope of any area in excess of 40%.		

<b>Proposed Short Plat Map (5 copies)</b>		<b>REQUIRED</b>	<b>PROVIDED</b>
Five (5) copies of the proposed short plat, using the Existing Features Survey as a base map. The map must be prepared by a registered land surveyor or registered civil engineer licensed in the State of Washington. The map shall be drawn at 1" = 20' or a comparable scale, with one set reduced to 8½" x 11" size. The map must show:			
1.	Layout, dimensions and size of proposed lots, each consecutively numbered.		
2.	Building coverage and impervious surface coverage calculations (for existing structures to remain).		
3.	A designation of significant trees to be saved and removed. See BMC 19.25.130 for additional requirements.		
4.	Access and Roads: Please consult with the City of Burien Public Works Department at (206) 248-5527, for access easement, street and public right-of-way standards.		
	A. Location and dimensions of proposed access easements, public rights-of-way, and streets.		
	B. Conceptual plan showing location and dimensions of proposed access easement, right-of-way, and street improvements, and proposed sight distances.		
5.	Storm Drainage: Please consult with the City of Burien Public Works Department, (206) 248-5516, for storm drainage standards.		
	A. Location and dimensions of proposed storm drainage easements.		
	B. Conceptual plan showing location of proposed storm drainage facilities.		
6.	Utilities: Please consult with the appropriate water, sewer and fire districts, and power, phone, natural gas and cable TV providers for their standards.		
	A. Location and dimensions of proposed water, sewer, power, phone, natural gas and cable TV easements.		

B. Conceptual plan showing location of proposed water, sewer, power, phone, natural gas and cable TV facilities. (NOTE: All utility lines to individual lots, including power, phone and cable must be undergrounded.)		
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<b>Supporting Information</b>	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
1. The date that the total parcel was created.	X	
2. Current certificates of availability for water, sewer and fire.	X	
3. Staking of surveyed exterior boundary corners (by a surveyor).	X	
4. A current (no more than 30 days old) title company certification (such as a title report or short plat certificate) verifying the current ownership and title of all interested parties. The report shall also contain a description of all encumbrances or deed restrictions which limit the use of the property.	X	

<b>Critical Area Study</b>	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
A critical area study complying with City of Burien Zoning Code Section 19.40.060 (see separate handout).		

<b>Other Required Information</b>	REQUIRED	PROVIDED