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CRP-25-014

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### **Application Materials**

### 1. Narrative

#### Gourde LLC - Variance Narrative

5/27/2025

Project:

1220 Mt. St. Helens Way NE

Castle Rock, WA

This project is the division of parcel 30835 into four parcels.

The current zoning is R-2 and the proposed zoning all parcels is R-2.

Parcel 30835 is currently served from a driveway off of Mt.St. Helens Way NE. We propose continuing to serve parcel 30835 (the existing house – Lot 1) from the same driveway off of Mt.St. Helens Way NE.

The new parcels, Lots 2, 3, & 4, would be served from Buker Lane NE.

Per 17.32.060, "Every principal structure, except bungalow courts, shall front upon a public street without any other building intervening between it and the street upon which it fronts."

Since parcel 30835 does not front a public street, it is not feasible to comply with this section of the code.

We are asking for a variance to allow the new parcels, Lots 2, 3, & 4, to front and be served by Buker Lane NE.

Allowing this variance will help the City of Castle Rock achieve goals identified in the Comprehensive Plan.

- 1. Residential Development Goal #2 provide opportunity for a broad range of housing choices to meet the changing needs of the community.
- 2. Housing Goal #2 providing for a wide range of housing types and densities to meet the housing needs of a diverse population and provide affordable housing choices for all incomes.
- 3. Housing Goal #3 provide an adequate supply of land in order to promote housing costs that are affordable.

The granting of this variance will allow unused land to be developed and provide additional housing opportunities for the citizens of the Castle Rock and surrounding communities.

Thank You

Gabe Gourde Gourde LLC



### **Application Materials**

# 2. Signed Application Forms – Variance Request Packet



**Building & Planning Department** 

## Variance Request Packet Contents Page

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- 1) Variance Request Packet Contents Page (1 page)
- 2) Application for Variance Submittal Checklist (1 page)
- 3) Master Application (1 page)
- 4) Application for Variance (4 pages)
- 5) Hearings Examiner Application (2 pages)
- 6) General Land Use Application (2 pages)
- 7) SEPA Environmental Checklist online printable form:

  http://ci.castlerock.wa.us/download/SEPAchecklist 2017 locked.docx
- 8) Excerpt from CRMC Chapter 17.77.040 Section D.5. Type V Quasi-Judicial I (3 pages)
- 9) CRMC Chapter 17.79.020 Application for Variance (1 page)
- 10) Fee Schedule Resolution No. 2023-03 (2 pages)
- 11) View the Castle Rock Municipal Code (CRMC) online at:

https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/CastleRock/

The Castle Rock Municipal Code (CRMC) may also be viewed in the Finance Office located in City Hall. Below is a quick reference list of codes that typically apply to variances. This is not a complete list of codes nor is it a complete list of codes that may apply to your request.

CRMC - Title 17 - Zoning

Title 17 - Zoning - Chapter 17.77 Development Review Procedures

(Variance Request procedures are a Type V (5) – Quasi-Judicial I Development Review)

Title 17 - Zoning - Chapter 17.79 Variances/Special Use Permits and Conditional Use Permits

Title 18 - Environmental Protection

I acknowledge the above documents and/or links were provided to me in the Application for a Variance Request Packet.

I also acknowledge there are fees associated with a Request for Variance and the applicant shall pay fees according to the City of Castle Rock Fee Schedule to defray a portion of the expenses encountered in processing the application.

#### **FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE**

Name: Gabe Gourde - Gourde LLC	
Signature: (Please Print)	
Signature:	Date: 5/27/2025

### Application for Variance Submittal Checklist

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A complete application for a variance includes, but is not limited to:

▼ Variance Request Packet Contents Page (1 page) - Print Name, Sign Name, Date
Application for Variance Submittal Checklist (1 page) – Applicable Boxes Checked and Page Initialed
Master Application (1 page) - Completed, Signed, and Dated
Application for Variance (4 pages) - Completed, Signed, Dated, and including the required information.
Include any additional pages for the decision criteria narrative
Site Plan - One (1) reproducible copy (8-1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17"; or oversized copies that show the required information.
Hearings Examiner Application (2 pages) – Completed, Signed, Dated, and including the required information.
Names and Addresses of all property owners adjacent to, touching, abutting, adjoining or directly across a street or alley within 300 feet of lot boundaries from the property. It may be helpful to contact the Cowlitz County's Assessor's Office at 360.577.3010 for more information.
General Land Use Application (2 pages) - Completed, Signed, and Dated
SEPA Environmental Checklist – When applicable – Contact City Hall for more information
☐ Any Additional Information/Documents Necessary and/or Required to Process the Request
Payment of Fees – Submit Required Payment(s) – Contact City Hall for more information
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#### Department Of Building and Planning

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### **MASTER APPLICATION**

PROPE	RTY INFORMATION
Project Address: 1220 Mt.St.Helens Way NE	City: Castle Rock Parcel #: 30835
Short Plat/Subdivision:	Block: Lot:
OWNER/AR	PLICANT INFORMATION
Applicant/Authorized Agent: Gabe Gourde, G	ourde LLC Phone: 360-957-0956
Mailing Address: 627 Spirit Lake Hwy	city: Castle Rock State: WA Zip: 98611
Property Owner: Same	Phone:
Mailing Address:	
Contractor: NA	Lic #: Phone:
Mailing Address:	City: State: Zip:
Lender Name: NA	Phone:
Lender's Address:	
PROJ	ECT INFORMATION
Building Permit  Excavation & Grading Permit  Manufactured/Structure Placement  Mechanical Permit  Plumbing Permit  Roofing Permit  Signage Permit  Other  PRO	Critical Areas  Flood Plain  Home Occupation Business License  Master Plan  Mobile Home Park  Plat (Preliminary)  Plat (Final)  Site Plan (Preliminary)  Site Plan (Final)  ECT DESCRIPTION
	Ft No. of Stories: No. of Bedrooms:
Is there any grading, filling, or excavation associated with this project? $\underline{\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ }$	
Water Supply: Sewage Disposal: Type	e of Heat: Fair Market Value:
Does project involve Asbestos?  YES NO PROVIDE A BASIC DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:	
The division of Parcel 30835 i  Thereby certify that I am the owner or duly authorized agent of the owner all employees and representatives of the City of Castle Rock and other go process this application. I further certify that I have read and examined this	for the purposes of this application. Further, I grant permission from the owner to any and overnmental agencies to enter upon and inspect said property as reasonably necessary to s application and know the same to be true and correct. If any of the information provided ect, the permit or approval may be revoked.
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:	DATE: 5/27/2025
	DATE: 6/4/2025  PERMIT NUMBER  CRP-25-014

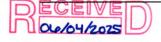


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### **Application for Variance**

Owner/Applicant Information						
Property Ow	ner(s): Gab	e Gourd	de - Gourd	e LLC	Phone:3	60-575-3166
Mailing Add	ress: <u>627</u>	Spirit	Lake Hwy	City: <u>Castle</u>	Roc <b>\$tate</b> : <u>WA</u>	Zip Code: 98611
Applicant:	same				Phone:	
Mailing Add	ress:		(	City:	State:	Zip Code:
		Castl	Decisi e Rock Municipa	on Criteria al Code (CRMC)	17.79.020	
Thoroughly describe or explain how your request for variance meets each of the criteria identified below: (Additional sheets may be added as needed.)						
<ol> <li>That there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the subject property that do not apply generally to other properties in the same vicinity or zoning district, and that the plight of the applicant is unique and not the result of his own action.</li> </ol>						
Par	cel 308	35 does	not from	t a publi	c street r	making 17.32.060
imp	possible	to com	ply with.			
2. The land or structure in question cannot be reasonably used and cannot yield a reasonable return if used only in accordance with the density requirements of this title for the district in which it is located, and that such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant possessed by the owners of other property in the same vicinity or district.						
The	land ca	n not y	vield a re	asonable	return wi	thout allowing
a va	ariance	which w	ould allo	w us to	divide the	property into
mor	e usable	e piece	s.			



#### **Decision Criteria - continued**

3. That the authorization of such variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare, not injurious to nearby property, not essentially different from the provisions of the district in which it is located.

The allowance of this variance will not be detrimental to the public welfare in any way.

- 4. That the granting of such variance will not adversely affect the comprehensive plan or studies thereof.

  The granting of this variance will not adversely affect
  the comprehensive plan. The granting of this variance will
  help achieve the residential development and housing goals
  listed in the comprehensive plan.
- 5. In granting a variance, the hearing examiner shall make written findings-of-fact which shall specify all facts relied upon by examiner in rendering its decision in attaching conditions and safeguard thereto. The actual terms of the variance and any conditions thereon shall be prepared and filed with the city clerk. A copy of the findings-of-fact and the variance shall be provided to the applicant and any other interested person who may request the same.
- 6. Variances. No use variance will be granted except for lawfully created preexisting uses.

#### **Application Checklist**

Please check each box as it is completed. When all items have been checked this Application for Variance form should be complete.

- Narrative addressing the decision criteria identified for each permit type The decision criteria are located under the Decision Criteria section (numbers 1-4) of this Application for Variance form or in CRMC 17.79.020 Application for Variance. If there are additional pages, please attach them to this application.
- ☐ Payment of Fees (Submit Required Payment(s) Contact City Hall for more information
- X Site Plan: One (1) reproducible copy (8-1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17"; or 10" Seven (7) oversized copies showing:

#### Please check the appropriate boxes:

- X Subject property (all property lines dimensioned) and abutting streets (existing and proposed);
- ∑ Location of the subject with regards to the nearest street intersections, including intersections opposite the subject property;
- Location of existing driveways adjacent to the subject property or on the opposite side of the street facing the subject property;

**Checklist Continued on Next Page** 

Application Checklist - continued
Please check the appropriate boxes:
All existing public improvements including, but not necessarily limited to: applicable utilities (for example but not limited to water, sewer and storm drainage facilities, curbs, gutters and sidewalks; median islands; street trees; street lights; fire hydrants; utility poles, etc., including those adjacent to the subject site;
Location of existing and proposed fencing or retaining walls, freestanding signs, easements, refuse areas, and on-site utility structures;
Location and size of proposed structures, storage areas, buffer areas, yards, open spaces, and landscape areas;
Proposed use of structures and gross floor area;
A vehicular and pedestrian circulation plan illustrating all access points for the site, and the size location of all driveways, streets and roads, and the location, size and design of parking and loading areas;
<ul> <li>An estimate of the traffic generation to and around the subject property that is anticipated if the proposed development is constructed;</li> </ul>
Generalized grading plan, if the proposed grade differential on site will exceed 24 inches from top of the curb or adjacent properties;
Generalized utilities plan, drainage, and stormwater runoff provisions; and
Topographic features and contours (existing and proposed), at intervals not greater than five feet, and existing rivers, streams, lakes, marshes, wetlands, and other natural features. The extent and location of the 100-year floodplain of any nearby river or streams shall also be shown if applicable.
Process

Within 10 working days of receipt of a complete application, the city clerk-treasurer's office shall transmit a copy of the application to the development review committee members for their comments or recommendations regarding the application. The city clerk-treasurer may also route the application to other jurisdictions or agency staff and invite their participation in the development review process if determined appropriate. If applicable, this routing will be combined with circulation of the completed State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) checklist and the timeline for that process will supersede these procedures.

(CRMC 17.77.040 5. d. - f.)



#### Process - continued

Within 10 working days of receipt of the application materials, members of the development review committee shall forward comments to the city planner who will prepare a recommendation to the appropriate approval authority whether to approve, approve with conditions or deny the underlying permit. If additional information is necessary to properly evaluate the proposal, staff shall provide in writing sufficient direction to explain what is being requested. When significant issues are raised, a meeting between the applicant and appropriate city representatives shall be held.

Upon notice that the development review committee has prepared a recommendation, the city clerk-treasurer shall schedule a hearing with the appropriate deciding body as provided in the specific permit type.

#### CRMC 17.79.030 Effective Date of Orders

The order of the hearings examiner granting or denying a variance shall become effective when the decision has been rendered, unless the examiner shall set a different date for such order to become effective, which date shall not be more than 30 days from the date of entry of such order and not less than 10 days. In exercising the above, the examiner may reverse or affirm wholly or partly and may modify the order, requirements, decision, or determination as should be made in the hearing.

#### **Required Signatures**

Whenever a public hearing is required, in addition to other required data accompanying a request involving a public hearing, the applicant shall pay a fee as established by resolution of the city council to defray a portion of the expenses encountered in processing the application. **FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.** 

The applicant(s) hereby certify that all the statements and attached site plans and supporting documents are true and acknowledge that any permit or request granted hereunder may be revoked if it is found that such statements are false.

Dourde	Gabe Gourde	5/28/2025
Applicant's Signature (if not the owner)	Print Name	Date

The owner(s) hereby certify that all the statements and attached site plans and supporting documents are true and acknowledge that any permit or request granted hereunder may be revoked if it is found that such statements are false.

#### Only the property owner may sign this portion of the Application for Variance.

I certify that I am the owner of the property (ies) included in this application and certify that the information provided in this application are true and correct.

Property Owner's Signature Print Name 5/28/2025



## Hearings Examiner Application

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**MEETING DATE** – Meetings of the Hearings Examiner shall convene when necessary to process a land use permit application. (CRMC 17.20.070 Meetings – Frequency)

**HEARINGS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS** – Legal notices must be published in the city's newspaper of record prior to the hearings and completed applications must be received by the city in a timely manner to allow for these publication requirements. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant and may result in a delay of scheduling your hearing.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE** – Applicant is required to furnish names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to, touching, abutting, adjoining or directly across a street or alley within 300 feet of lot boundaries from the property. This information can be gathered by appearing in person at the Cowlitz County Assessor's office. You might want to call to schedule an appointment to complete this research; their phone number is 360-577-3010. Names of property owners must be submitted with this application and with ample time to give written notice and legal publication.

**TYPES OF HEARINGS** – Variances, Conditional Use Permits, Special Use Permits, SEPA Appeals, and certain Land Use Appeals.

Whenever a public hearing is required, in addition to other required data accompanying a request involving a public hearing, the applicant shall pay fees according to the City of Castle Rock Fee Schedule to the city to defray a portion of the expenses encountered in processing the application. **FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.** 

Please see the City of Castle Rock Fee Schedule for Applicable Fees.

The decision of the Hearing Examiner shall be final unless such decision is appealed to the Superior Court pursuant to Castle Rock Municipal Code Chapter (CRMC) 17.20.150.

Applications, along with the filing fee must be filed with the Castle Rock City Clerk.





### Hearings Examiner Application

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X Variance Request Conditional U	se Permit Other Special Permit
Applicant: Gabe Gourde - Gourde LLC	
Mailing Address: 627 Spirit Lake Highway	, Castle Rock, WA 98611
Email: ggourde@jhkelly.com	Fax:NA
EXISTING	LAND USE
COMMERCIAL X RESIDE	NTIAL INDUSTRIAL
ADJACENT	LAND USES
North: C-2	South:
West: C-2	East:R-2
Northwest:	Northeast:
Southwest:	Southeast:
OWNERSHIP - LIST ALL PERSONS O	WNING AN INTEREST IN THE LAND
Name: Gourde LLC Add	ress:
Name: Add	ress:
REASON FOR REQUEST – STATE REASON FOR REQU	
See the attached narrative.	
See the attached harractive.	
CLEARLY STATE WHY THIS PROPOSAL IS CONSISTENT WITH	THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA IN WHICH IT WILL BE APPLIED
Multiple parcels in the same are	currently served from Buker Lan
NE. This variance would allow a	t least additional parcels to be
served from that road. '	
ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET: LIST ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS  LOT BOUNDARIES AS STA	WITH MAILING ADDRESSES (ALL DIRECTIONS WITH 300 FEET OF
Whenever a public hearing is required, in addition to othe hearing, the applicant shall pay fees according to the Cit expenses encountered in processing the a	r required data accompanying a request involving a public y of Castle Rock Fee Schedule to defray a portion of the

The applicant(s) hereby certify that all the statements and attached site plans and supporting documents are true and acknowledges that any permit or request granted hereunder may be revoked if it is found that such statements are false.

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Date: 5/27/2025

### General Land Use Application

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Case # Related File #	Received By:
One or more of the following <b>Supplements</b> must	be attached to this <b>General Land Use Application</b> :
TITLE 16 SUBDIVISIONS  Binding Site Plan Boundary Line Adjustment Condominium Subdivision Final Plat (Subdivision) Final Short Plat Preliminary Plat (Subdivision) Preliminary Short Plat  TITLE 18 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  Critical Areas Determination Critical Areas Permit Environmental Questionnaire SEPA Checklist Shorelines Conditional Use Shorelines Substantial Development Shorelines Variance	TITLE 17 ZONING  Annexation Bed & Breakfast – (CUP) Comprehensive Plan Amendment Conditional Use Permit = (CUP) Home Occupancy Business License Home Occupancy in an Accessory Building – (CUP) Manufactured Home Park Recreational Vehicle Park – (CUP) Request for Clarification Rezone Similar Use Authorization Special Use Permit Variance  OTHER Request for Pre-Application Meeting Wireless Communications Facilities - (CUP)
Project Name: Gourde LLC Parcel 30835 short subdivision	Project Address: 1220 Mt. St. Helens Way NE, Castle Rock, WA
Applicant: Gabe Gourde - Gourde LLC  Phone: 360-957-0956  E-mail Address: ggourde@jhkelly.com	Mailing Address: 627 Spirit Lake Hwy  Castle Rock, WA 98611  ——————————————————————————————————
Owner: Same (If other than applicant) Phone: E-mail Address:	Mailing Address:

Other Authorized Representative (if any):			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:			
E-mail Address:			
Project Description: The division of par	ccel 30835 into four parcels.		
Size of Project Site: 1.21 Acres			
Assessor Tax Parcel Number(s): 30835			
Full Legal Description of Subject Property (Attached :: Zoning: R-2  Special Areas On or Near Site (show areas on site plan):			
Creek, Stream or River (name):  Wetland	Flood Hazard Area		
Steep Slopes/Draw/Gully/Ravine	None		
Water Service			
Existing pipe size and material: None			
Proposed pipe size and material:			
Sewage Disposal			
Existing: City of Castle Rock			
Proposed: City of Castle Rock			
Access			
Name of Street(s) from which access will be gained: Buker Lane NE			

#### Owner's Consent and Authorization

I affirm that I am the owner of the subject site and all answers, statements, and information submitted with this application are correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Further, I grant permission from the owner to any and all employees and representatives of the City of Castle Rock and other governmental agencies to enter upon and inspect said property as reasonably necessary to process this application.

I agree to pay all fees of the City that apply to this application.

Gabe Gourde

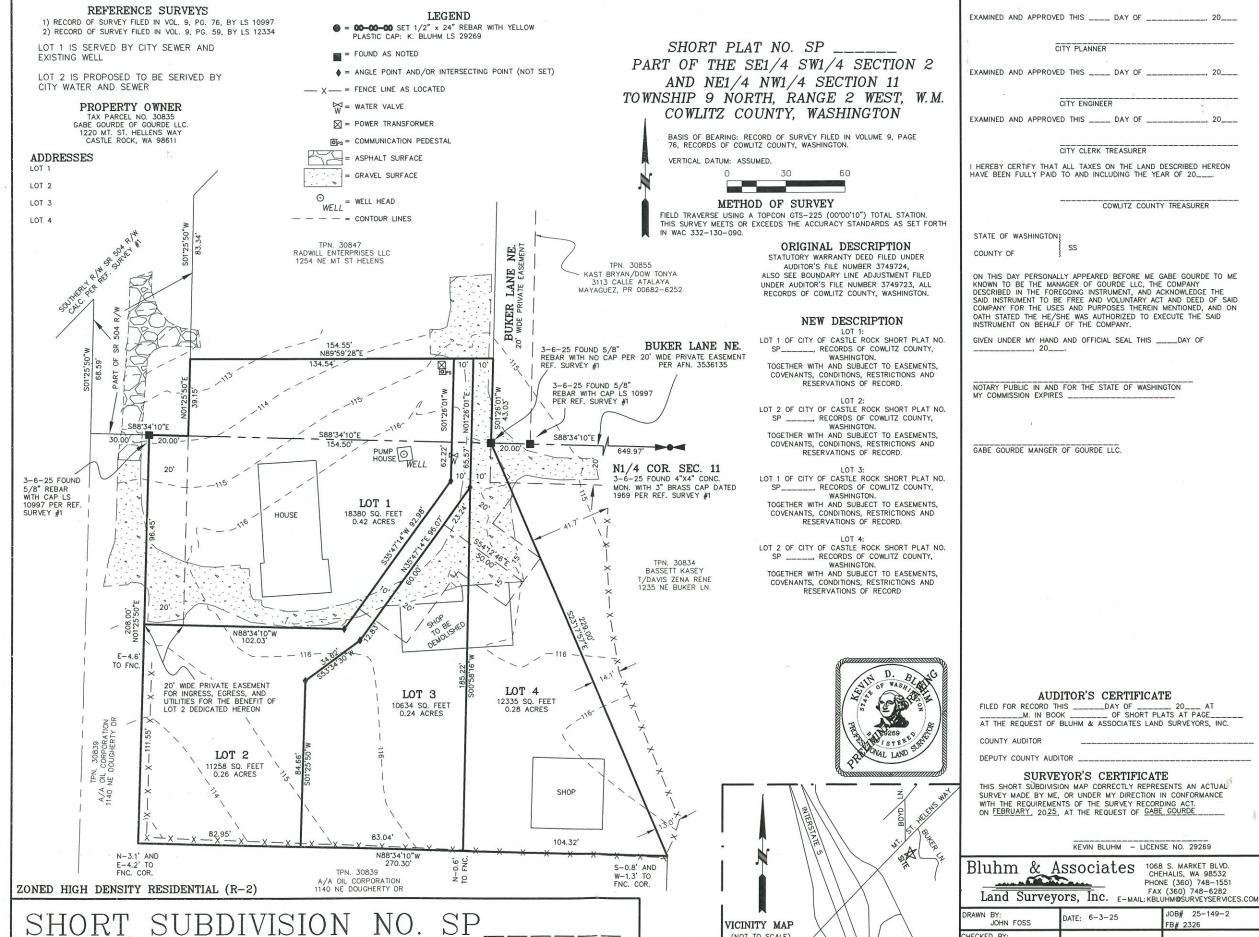
Owner's Signature

Owner's Name (Print Name)



### **Application Materials**

### 3. Preliminary Short Plat Map





SHEET 1 OF

SCALE: 1" = 30'

HECKED BY:

(NOT TO SCALE)

### **Application Materials**

### 4. Letter of Completeness

Letter of Completeness



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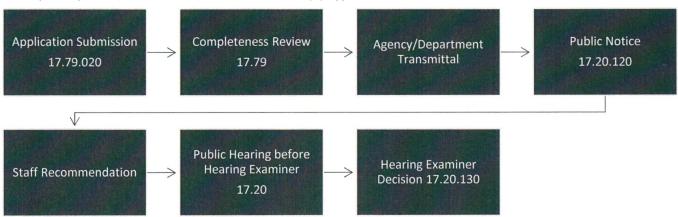
June 25, 2025

Re: Letter of Completeness: Variance Request 1220 Mt. St. Helens Way NE - R-2 Street Frontage Requirements, CRP-25-014

Dear Gourde, LLC,

The city has reviewed your application materials submitted on June 4, 2025 regarding a variance to the street frontage requirements in the R-2 Zone, CRMC 17.32.060 for 1220 Mt. St. Helens Way NE at Parcel 30835. The proposed development, pending the variance is a 4-lot short plat.

This letter confirms that the application has been determined to be complete for the purpose of beginning the formal review process. Further review may identify the need for additional information or clarification as the project proceeds. The process is outlined by the following steps in accordance with the Castle Rock Municipal Code (CRMC) 16.36, CRMC 17.20, CRMC 17.77.040 (5) Type V - Quasi Judicial, and CRMC 17.79



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 360-274-8181.

Sincerely,

Rachel Granrath, Contract City Planner

Rachel.granrath@kimley-horn.com

Cc: Karlene Akesson, Deputy Clerk, kakesson@ci.castle-rock.wa.us Carie Cuttonaro, Clerk-Treasurer, ccuttonaro@ci.castle-rock.wa.us