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City of Castle Rock



STAFF REPORT

Variance Request

1220 Mt St Helens Way NE, Castle Rock WA, Castle Rock, WA.

To:

Mark Scheibmeir, Castle Rock Hearing Examiner

From:

Rachel Granrath, Contract Planner

Date:

July 30, 2025

Subject:

Public Hearing: Variance Request - Gourde LLC, 1220 Mt St Helens Way NE, Castle Rock WA

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Request for a variance to Castle Rock Municipal Code 17.32.060, regarding the street frontage requirements in the R-2 Zone for parcel 30835, addressed at 1220 Mt. St. Helens Way NE, Castle Rock, WA. This variance is intended to enable a 4-lot short plat (or 5-lot depending on site analysis pending variance approval). The application is categorically exempt from SEPA per WAC 197-11-800 (6) (e).

General Information

Parcel: 30835

Site Address: 1220 Mt St Helens Way NE, Castle Rock WA

Proponent: Gourde LLC.
Representative: Gabe Gourde

Property History:

- Historically used as a single-family residential property. Currently there is a single-family residential home and two shops, one of which is designed to be demolished on the draft exhibit.
- Property recorded a Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) with Cowlitz County, AFN 3749723 on 04/05/2024.
 Unfortunately, the BLA was not approved through the City of Castle Rock and circumvented city codes, and will be a condition of approval as part of further subdivision and zoning/comprehensive plan consistency.

Variance requested:

The subject property has public right of way access to the property from SR504, but does not front a public street and the applicant is looking to subdivide (either short plat or preliminary plat) in accordance with the underlying R-2 regulations. Neighboring properties are also either served by private roads or driveways. The requested variance is to allow private road access and street frontage off a private road versus a public street. See the relevant code section below.

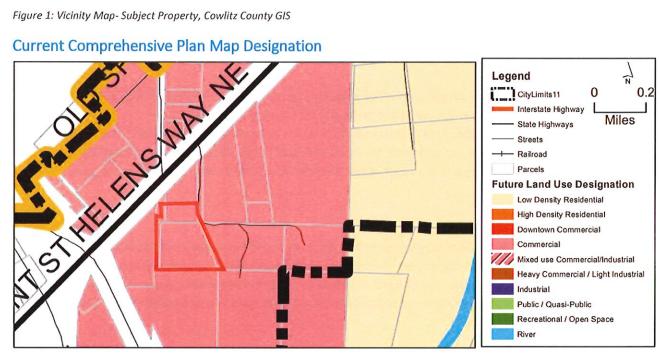
17.32.060 Street frontage. Every principal structure, except bungalow courts, shall front upon a public street without any other building intervening between it and the street upon which it fronts.

Vicinity Map



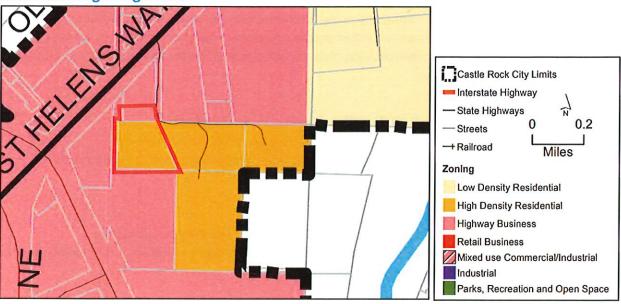
Figure 1: Vicinity Map-Subject Property, Cowlitz County GIS

Current Comprehensive Plan Map Designation



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Current Zoning Designation



Development Standards

R-2 Zone, CRMC 17.32.060

Building Height:	Met. Current structures meet requirements; any
40' max.	further applications will conform to standard
Minimum lot area: Single family: 6,000 sq ft. Single family attached: 3,750 sq ft. Duplexes: 7,500 sq ft. Multiple-family dwelling 7,500 sq ft. for the first two dwelling units, plus 1,000 sq ft. for each additional dwelling unit.	Met. All tentative proposed lots will be no less than 8,550 sq ft. as depicted on the draft plat. Again, this will be reviewed at time of plat submittal.
Street frontage Every principal structure, except bungalow courts, shall front upon a bublic street without any other building intervening between it and the street upon which it fronts.	NOT MET: Applicant requested Variance.
Setbacks Front yard: 15 ft. Front Garage entrance: 20 ft. Rear yard: 20 ft. Side yard: Not less than five ft in width on sides of dwelling. For two-family dwellings (duplex), each side yard shall be a minimum of eight ft in width. The side yard for every building shall be increased by one additional foot in width for each story of the structure above two stories in height.	Met. Current structures meet requirements; any further applications will conform to standard

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Comprehensive Plan Consistency

The following goals and policies of the comprehensive plan showcase how this variance approval best supports supporting infill housing development as well as enhancing transportation goals through connectivity in Castle Rock. As conditioned in this staff report, the following goals and policies illustrate the development's consistency with the Castle Rock Comprehensive Plan.

Transportation Goals and Policies:

Goal 1: Provide for a convenient, safe, and efficient transportation/circulation network.

Goal 4: Ensure that an adequate transportation network exists to support future development.

Policy 5: Encourage street networks in new development that create circulation between neighborhoods and subdivisions.

Housing Goals and Policies:

Goal 3: Provide an adequate supply of land in order to promote housing costs that are affordable.

Goal 5: First promote infill development of residential land and then encourage annexation of residential property to provide adequate land supply for future housing needs.

Procedural Requirements

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. The process is currently at the Public Hearing in the process.

Variance Process Flow Chart

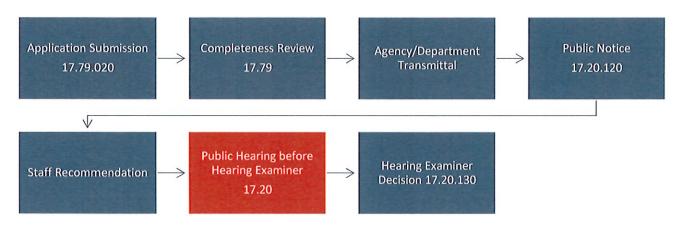


Table 3: Variance Procedure: Key Dates and Milestones

Procedure Action Item	Date
Pre-Application Meeting	May 23, 2024
Application Submittal	June 4, 2025
Letter of Complete	June 25, 2025
Agency Notice	July 14, 2025
SEPA	Exempt per WAC 197-11-800 (6) (e).
Agency and Public Comment Period	July 14 – August 5
Public Hearing	August 5, 2025

Agency and Public Comment

Agency comment was issued on July 14th; no comments were received at the time of this staff report.

Variance Criteria CRMC 17.79.020

CRMC 17.79.020 outlines the variance criteria as analyzed in items 1-4 below, the Hearing Examiner may grant the variance if he/she finds from the evidence presented at the hearing meets the variance criteria.

- 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;
 - Staff analysis: The surrounding properties are serviced by private roads and driveways. Buker Lane NE is a 20' wide private easement recorded on AFN 3536135 and serves adjacent developed lots and properties. The applicant was reviewing the private lane access and seeing if that was an opportunity for this development to tie into the existing easement. This area is uniquely served by primarily private roads and driveways. And while currently developed with lower density single family residential, the City has designated this area to be developed as an R-2 zone, serving high density development and associated uses. The increased lot and residential development can be seen as a transition between commercial fronting Mt St Helens Way NE. This can only be achieved by granting a variance to the public street frontage requirement and allowing a private road to service future lots.
- That 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;
 - **Staff analysis:** Without a public street frontage variance this property cannot subdivide or develop further. There is substantial lot area to subdivide with an approval or a variance to serve the future lots by a private 20' road easement, in accordance with public works and engineering standards.
- That the authorization of such variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare, not
 injurious to nearby property, nor essentially different from the provisions of the district in which it is
 located;
 - **Staff analysis:** Neighboring properties are currently afforded private road access to service their properties and are not meeting the current code of fronting a public road. However, prior to submitting a short subdivision or preliminary plat, the applicant will illustrate that Buker Lane NE has the rights to service these future lots or will propose a looped access that will serve the properties wholly on the subject property. Staff finds that the variance request is not detrimental to public welfare.
- 4. That the granting of such variance will not adversely affect the comprehensive plan or studies thereof.
 - **Staff analysis:** As conditioned in this staff report, the variance will not adversely affect the comprehensive plan or studies. As stated before, a BLA was approved erroneously, thus a clean up to the resulting splitzoning shall be completed prior to any subdivision submittals.

Conclusions

Staff finds that the variance request meets the requirements and approval criteria outlined in CRMC 17.79 and CRMC 17.32.060, and as conditioned below.

Hearing Examiner Action

CRMC 17.79.020 and 17.79.030 (below), outlines the Hearing Examiner action associated with variance applications.

17.79.020 Application for Variance

(A) An application for a variance may be filed by the owner or occupant of the property affected. The application shall be verified and filed with the city clerk-treasurer's office and shall state fully the circumstances and conditions relied upon as grounds for the variance and shall be accompanied by adequate plans and legal descriptions of the property involved and an outline of the proposed use. As a condition to processing the application, the applicant shall pay a fee as established by resolution of the city council. The city clerk-treasurer shall transmit all variance application materials to the city planner who shall in turn prepare written findings of fact on the variance application and transmit the materials relevant to the hearings examiner. The examiner shall set the matter for hearing; notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing shall be given to the property owners of each lot, parcel or portion of the real property affected by this declaration. The hearings examiner shall establish the date, time and place for the public hearing, and ensure that all public notices and postings are made in conformance with the requirements of law. Upon the date set the examiner shall hear the application; at the termination of the hearing, the examiner will render a decision within 10 days to grant or deny the variance on the evidence submitted, or extend the hearing to secure further information.

(B) In granting a variance, the hearings examiner shall make written findings of fact which shall specify all facts relied upon by the examiner in rendering its decision in attaching conditions and safeguards 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.

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.

Staff Recommendation

As conditioned below, the application does not appear to be detrimental to the general public health, safety or welfare and meets the intent and criteria in Castle Rock Municipal Code.

Recommended Findings of Fact

- 1. Gabe Gourde; and Gourde, LCC applied for a variance to the street frontage requirement on June 4, 2025.
- 2. The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation is currently Commercial.
- 3. The subject property is zoned High Density Residential (R-2) with a portion which was revised with a BLA in 2014 is still zoned Highway Business (C-1).
- 4. The application is SEPA exempt per WAC 197-11-800 (6) (e).

5. The proposal is consistent with the goals and policies of the City of Castle Rock Comprehensive Plan.

6. This proposal, as conditioned, is consistent with Title 17 CRMC Zoning.

7. This proposal, as conditioned, will meet Standards and Castle Rock Engineering Standards for Public

Works Construction.

Recommended Conditions of Approval

1. Short subdivision, Boundary Line Adjustment, or Preliminary Plat is required, the applicant previously

recorded a Boundary Line Adjustment with the county that was not reviewed or approved by the city, all

platting must be processed by the City of Castle Rock in accordance with CRMC.

2. Rezone/ Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Due to the Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) which was

erroneously approved and recorded at the County, an incorrect process, left this property with a split

zoning and future land use designation. This shall be resolved through a rezone/comprehensive plan designation amendment prior or concurrent to submission of a short plat or subdivision application.

3. Formalize and record a new easement extending Buker Lane NE to serve the proposed future lots. Provide

documentation confirming that the easement includes the legal right to serve those lots. If this cannot be confirmed, propose an alternative access configuration: a looped private street extending from Mt. St.

Helens Way NE that circulates through the property and provides access and frontage to all lots within the

development.

4. The pre-application meeting for this project, which occurred on May 23, 2024, considered a 4-lot

subdivision, should the applicant consider additional lots or densities there should be a new pre-application

meeting to discuss standards, layout, and to ensure the applicant has all necessary information to plat future lots.

5. At a minimum, if multi-family development is submitted as a development the applicant must address all

sections of CRMC including but not limited to:

a. 17.32.080 Screening, landscaping and critical areas buffering requirements.

b. 17.32.090 Off-street parking.

6. The applicant shall obtain all required building permits through Castle Rock Building and Public Works

Department.

7. All local, state and federal laws shall be met.

Exhibits:

Exhibit A: June 4, Application Materials

Exhibit B: Revised Exhibit – 5-lot and looped access depiction

Exhibit C: Noticing Materials

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Exhibit A: Application Materials

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- 1. Narrative
- 2. Signed Application Forms Variance Request Packet
- 3. Preliminary Short plat Map
- 4. Letter of Completeness

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Exhibit A

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.
- 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

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Exhibit A

2. Signed Application Forms – Variance Request Packet



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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:

 <u>http://ci.castlerock.wa.us/download/SEPAchecklist 2017 locked.docx</u>
- 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

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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"; <u>or</u> Seven (7) 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
Applicant Initials:





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MASTER APPLICATION

PROF	ERTY INFORMATION		医的医肾炎病
Project Address: 1220 Mt.St.Helens Way NE	Coty: Castle F	Rock Parcel	#:_30835
Short Plat/Subdivision:	Block	<:	_ Lot:
OWNER/A	PPLICANT INFORMATION		
Applicant/Authorized Agent: Gabe Gourde, (Gourde LLC	Phone:360	-957-0956
Mailing Address: 627 Spirit Lake Hwy	_city:_Castle R	OCK State:_	WA zip: 98611
Property Owner: Same		Phone:	
Mailing Address:	City:	State:_	Zip:
Contractor: NA	Lic #:	Phone:	
Mailing Address:	City:	State:_	Zip:
Lender Name: NA		Phone:	
Lender's Address:			
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Does project involve Asbestos?			
he division of Parcel 30835 i	nto Four sepa	arate mult	ifamily parcel
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:	overnmental agencies to enter u	pon and inspect said pro e to be true and correct, be revoked. DATE:	perty as reasonably necessary to If any of the information provided $\frac{5/27/2025}{}$
APPLICATION APPROVED BY:	DATE:		CRP-25-014



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Application for Variance

Owner/Applicant Information Property Owner(s): Gabe Gourde - Gourde LLC Phone: 360-575-3166 Mailing Address: 627 Spirit Lake Hwy City: Castle Rocstate: WA Zip Code: 98611 Applicant: same Phone: Mailing Address: _____ City: ____ State: Zip Code: ____ **Decision Criteria** Castle Rock Municipal 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.) 1. 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. Parcel 30835 does not front a public street making 17.32.060 impossible to comply 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 can not yield a reasonable return without allowing a variance which would allow us to divide the property into more usable pieces. _____



Decision Criteria - continued

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
- Site Plan: One (1) reproducible copy (8-1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17"; <u>or</u> 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;
- X 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;
 An estimate of the traffic generation to and around the subject property that is anticipated if the proposed development is constructed;
 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 (CDNAC 47 77 040 5 1 4 5)
(CRMC 17.77.040 5. d f.)

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.



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.

Applicant's Signature (if not the owner)

Gabe Gourde

5/28/2025

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.

Hounde Gabe Gourde 5/28/2025

Property Owner's Signature Print Name Date

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Hearings Examiner Application

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 Use	Permit Other Special Permit	
Applicant: Gabe Gourde - Gourde LLC	Phone: 360-957-0956	
Mailing Address: 627 Spirit Lake Highway	, Castle Rock, WA 98611	
Email: ggourde@jhkelly.com	Fax: NA	
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North: C-2	South: C-2	
West:C-2	_ East:R-2	
Northwest:	Northeast:	
Southwest:	_ Southeast:	
OWNERSHIP - LIST ALL PERSONS OW	NING AN INTEREST IN THE LAND	
Name: Gourde LLC Addre	ess:	
Name: Addre	iec.	
REASON FOR REQUEST – STATE REASON FOR REQUES		
See the attached narrative.		
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CLEARLY STATE WHY THIS PROPOSAL IS CONSISTENT WITH TH		
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Signature: Alfounde	Date: 5/27/2025	

General Land Use Application

141 A St SW / PO Box 370 Castle Rock, WA 98611 Phone: (360) 274-8181 finance@ci.castle-rock.wa.us

OFFICIAL USE ONLY		
Case #	Related File #	Received By:
One or more of the following Supplements must be attached to this General Land Use Application		
TITLE 16 SUBDIVIS Binding Site Boundary Lin Condominium Final Plat (Subdivision of Prediminary Subdivision of Prediminary Subdiv	Plan ne Adjustment m Subdivision rbdivision) lat Plat (Subdivision) Short Plat MENTAL PROTECTION Determination Permit al Questionnaire st onditional Use bstantial Development riance	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) Other Project Address: 1220 Mt. St. Helens Way NE, Castle Rock, WA
Applicant: Gabe Gourde - Gourde LLC		Mailing Address: 627 Spirit Lake Hwy
Phone: 360-957-0956		Castle Rock, WA 98611
E-mail Address: _ggourde@jhkelly.com		
Owner: Same remember applicant; Phone:	·	Mailing Address:
F-mail Address	1	

Other Authorized Representative (if any):			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:			
E-mail Address:			
Project Description: The division of parcel 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):			
☐ Steep Slopes/Draw/Gully/Ravine			
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 Name (Print Name)

ECEIVE (wner's Signature

5/27/2025

Date

CRP-25-014

Exhibit A

3. Preliminary Short Plat Map

(NOT TO SCALE)

HECKED BY

SCALE: 1" = 30"

SHEET 1

LEGEND



EXAMINED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF ___

REFERENCE SURVEYS

1) RECORD OF SURVEY FILED IN VOL. 9, PG. 76, BY LS 10997 2) RECORD OF SURVEY FILED IN VOL. 9, PG. 59, BY LS 12334

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Exhibit A

4. Letter of Completeness

City of Castle Rock

Letter of Completeness



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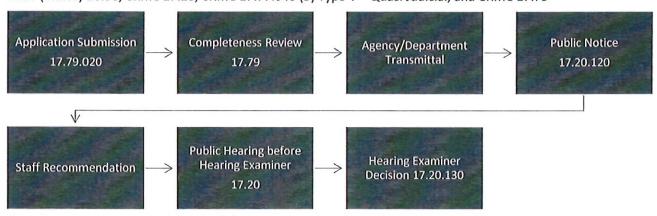
June 25, 2025

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

Dear Gourde, LLC,

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This letter confirms that the application has been determined to be <u>complete</u> 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

Exhibit B:

Revised Exhibit 5-Lot Looped Access Depiction

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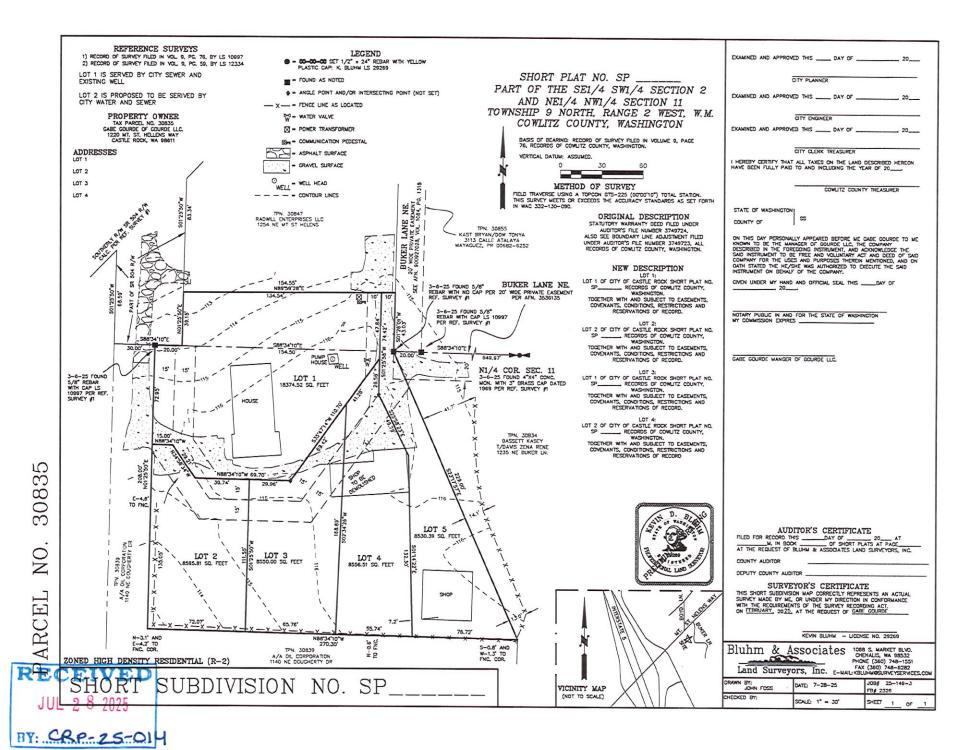


Exhibit C: Noticing Materials

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State of Florida, County of Broward, ss:

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(Signed)



VERIFICATION

State of Florida County of Broward

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on this: 07/24/2025



Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

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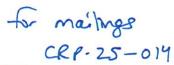
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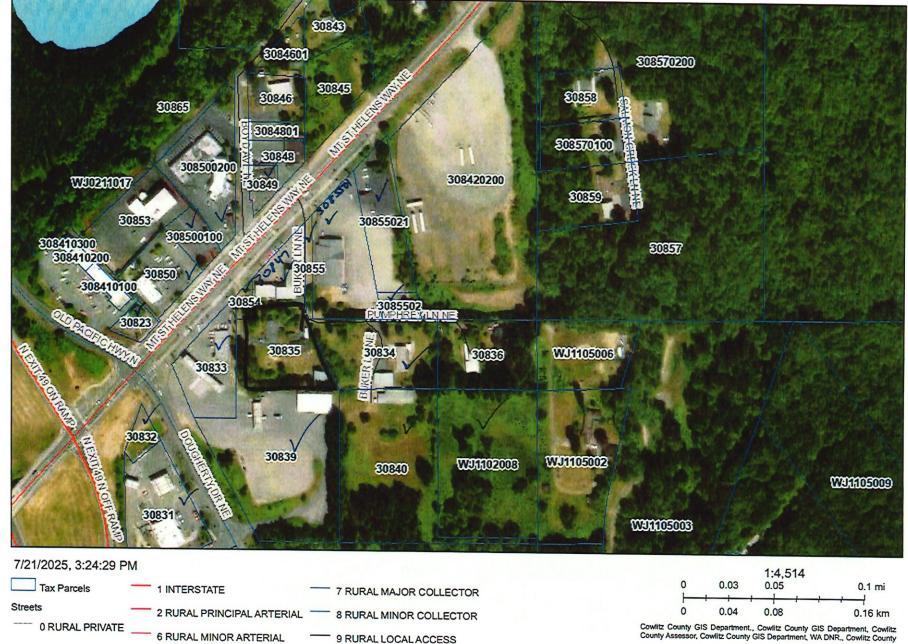
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Signature: Rachel Granrath, July 14, 2025 7/22 COL-WA-101061

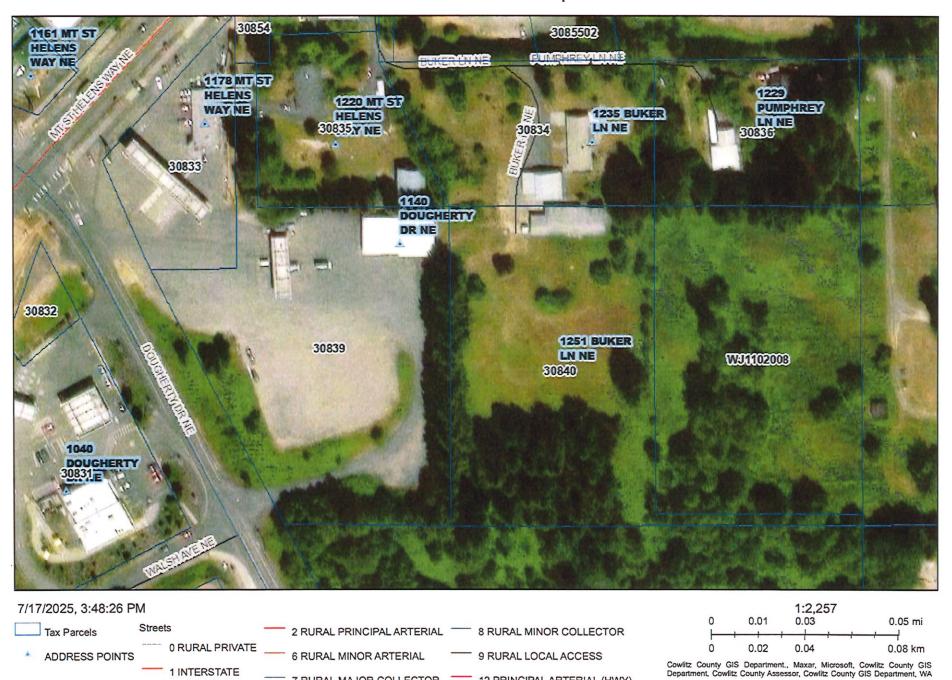
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Mailing List - CRP-25-014 - Gourde LLC - List Made Using Cowlitz County Assessors Map

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	PIN	Property address	Owner name	
1	30823	1161 Mt St Helens Way NE	LG Properties of Cowlitz County	
2	30831	1040 Dougherty Dr NE	Wilson Oil	
3	30832	Property ID 3040281	Rebecca Brooke	
4	30833	1178 Mt St Helens Way NE	A/A Oil Corporation	
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5	30834	1235 Buker Ln NE	Kasey T Bassett & Zena Rene Davis	
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7	30840	1251 Buker Ln NE	Bryan Kast & Tonya Dow	
,	30855	Property ID 3040306	Blydii Kast & Tollya Dow	
8	30850	1209 Mt St Helens Way NE	Timber Village LLC	
9	308500100	Property ID 3040302	B2BHCPHASE1 LLC	
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11	30849	1289 Mt St Helens Way NE	Adalberto Avelar	
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13	3085502	Property ID 3040308	NWHG Investments LLC	
14	WJ1102008	Property ID 3014049	Robert F Opsahl	
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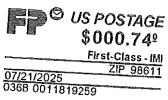
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