

APPENDIX L

Letter from City Manager Bacon to Edgewood



CITY OF PUYALLUP

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

April 4, 2007

Henry J. Lawrence, Jr., City Manager
City of Edgewood
2221 Meridian Avenue East
Edgewood Washington 98371-1010

RE: CITY OF PUYALLUP SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

As we discussed, the City of Edgewood is in the process of completing a General Sewer Plan (GSP) for the state Department of Ecology (DOE) approval. You indicated that DOE will not approve the final GSP without some assurance that overlapping sewer areas will be corrected in the future. The purpose of this letter is to provide that assurance so that DOE staff can approve Edgewood's final GSP and the City of Edgewood can move forward with constructing and operating the first leg of a new sanitary sewer system prior to the formal amendment of service area boundaries.

Your request is very timely. If Edgewood chooses to redirect its system, the City of Puyallup will not need to have treatment and discharge capacity at its treatment plant to satisfy such demand. This would greatly enhance the City of Puyallup's efforts to work with the DOE and the Puyallup Tribe to reduce discharge load levels planned for the Puyallup River.

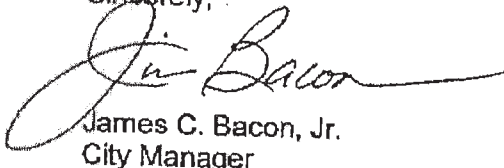
I understand that the City of Edgewood has entered into an agreement with the Lakehaven Utility District to provide sanitary sewer service to Phase 1 of the City's sewer service area along Meridian Avenue (SR 161), and that the actual physical connection to Lakehaven's infrastructure and operation of Edgewood's new sewer system may in fact begin in 2007. On behalf of the City of Puyallup, we have no objection to the City of Edgewood and the Lakehaven Utility District commencing service in the City's Phase 1 area prior to the formal amendment of the City of Puyallup sewer service area boundaries. It is our intention that the entire Puyallup service area contained within the Edgewood Phase 1 service boundaries be turned over to the City of Edgewood, with a formal amendment to the City of Puyallup service area boundaries to occur during the City of Puyallup's next update cycle.

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As for Edgewood's Phase 2 and Phase 3 areas that are within the existing City of Puyallup sanitary service area boundaries, we will continue discussions with you regarding Edgewood's interest in contracting with the City of Puyallup in the future to provide wastewater treatment capacity for parts of the Edgewood Phase 2 sewer areas.

I trust that this letter provides sufficient assurances to the DOE to approve Edgewood's General Sewer Plan and to the Lakehaven Utility District to allow a connection to their infrastructure prior to final amendment of the City of Puyallup sewer service boundaries.

Sincerely,



James C. Bacon, Jr.
City Manager

- c: Tom Heinecke, Development Services Administrator
- Mark Hoppen, Development Services Deputy Administrator
- Gary McLean, City Attorney