

REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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MEETING DATE: March 5, 1999

TO: Building Services Division Staff Land Use Services
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Present: Jeri Brazeal, Sophia Byrd, Janene Collins (PA), Ken Dinsmore, Lanny Henoch, Gordon Thomson, Harold Vandergriff, Susan Marlin (Recorder)

Issue:

1. **Is a variance required from the 5' side yard setback for a 20' high retaining wall that cuts across the side yard property line? (K.C.C. 21A.12.170; 21A.44.030) (Jeri Brazeal, Code Enforcement Officer)**

Discussion:

The issue was brought to the RRC for guidance in directing a homeowner from incurring further Code Enforcement violations. A 20' retaining wall has been placed on a two lot construction site that does not meet required setback standards. A retaining wall may be located in any setback provided it does not exceed a height of six feet (K.C.C. 21A.12.170F).

Conclusion:

The group agreed it would be in the homeowner's best interest to get a variance or face the possibility of being ordered to remove the 20' wall.

2. Legislative Update

- Streamlining Permits -- HB 1893 still alive. Among other provisions it would allow King County, in a pilot project, to issue hydraulic permits for other projects it permits. This may end up merely as a study with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine how the county would issue the hydraulic permit and still meet state environmental and procedural requirements.

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