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# Shoreline Exemption Narrative

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## To

City of Mercer Island  
Community Planning and Development

## By the Architect

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## For the Project

4661 Forest Ave SE

## Narrative

Our project is located at 4661 Forest Ave SE, a sloped lot overlooking Lake Washington.

We're proposing a 1-story, wood frame, single-family residence with an attached garage, and walkout basement. The new home will stay within the general location of the existing house.

The existing dock will remain in place.

### Shoreline exemption criteria:

This project is exempt from needing a Substantial Shoreline Development Permit according to WAC 173-27-040.2.g . This is a single-family residence that is to be constructed by and for use by the property owner. This proposal meets the height and other zoning requirements for Mercer Island as noted in the above WAC. All Construction authorized under this exemption shall be landward of the ordinary high water mark.