

March 24, 2026

Attention:

Grace Manahan, Code Compliance Planner

Community Planning & Development Department

City of Mercer Island

9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040

RE: Encounter Church Improvements – Design Commission Design Review (DSR25-013) & SEPA Review (SEP25-015) Response Letter 2

Please see below for our responses to the Design Commission Design Review (DSR25-013) and SEPA Review (SP25-015) review letter 2 provided on February 4, 2026. The original review comments are included with our responses. An updated drawing set and code compliance narrative is also included in the resubmission.

Planning

1. Update the Code Compliance Narrative to speak to MICC 19.12.040 for the replacement of the northern patio and any other proposed landscaping.

Response: An updated Code Compliance Narrative is included with the resubmission.

2. Revise plan set to show scope of work around northern patio.

Response: Landscape plans that detail the scope of work around the northern patio are included with the resubmission. Besides what needs to be removed for the Narthex expansion, the existing landscaping around the site will be maintained and the proposal does not include new landscaping. The northern patio decking will be replaced, but otherwise the extents of the patio will remain.

3. Update the Code Compliance Narrative to also show compliance with MICC 19.03.010(H).

Response: An updated Code Compliance Narrative is included with the resubmission.

Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions or additional comments about this permit or project. Thank you for your time.

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