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City of Mercer Island Development Services Department

9611 SE 36th Street
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Project Narrative

PERMIT NO. SHL25-015

To Whom it may concern:

This project narrative is for permit no. SHL25-015, it covers the construction small retaining wall. The project is seeking a shoreline exemption under WAC 173-27-040.(g) because the small retaining wall (under 4') allowing better maintenance of the area replaced an old rubble rockery. This can be classified as an appurtenance to the single- family home. Construction on shorelands by an owner, lessee or contract purchaser of a single- family residence for their own use or for the use of their family, which residence does not exceed a height of thirty-five feet above average grade level and which meets all requirements of the state agency or local government having jurisdiction thereof, other than requirements imposed pursuant to chapter 90.58 RCW. "Single-family residence" means a detached dwelling designed for and occupied by one family including those structures and developments within a contiguous ownership which are a normal appurtenance. An "appurtenance" is necessarily connected to the use and enjoyment of a single-family residence and is located landward of the ordinary high-water mark and the perimeter of a wetland. On a statewide basis, normal appurtenances include a garage; deck; driveway; utilities; fences; installation of a septic tank and drain field and grading which does not exceed two hundred fifty cubic yards and which does not involve placement of fill in any wetland or waterward of the ordinary high-water mark. Local circumstances may dictate additional interpretations of normal appurtenances which shall be set forth and regulated within the applicable master program. Construction authorized under this exemption shall be located landward of the ordinary high-water mark

If there are any questions or further explanation, please contact 949.637.5088

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