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December 17, 2025

Re: Permit # SHL25-018
Project Name Koneru Lifts
Project Address 6610 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040
Reviewer Tony Newton, Assistant Planner
Department Planning & Development

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Tony,

Below are our responses to the corrections in your letter dated October 27, 2025. Your original comments are in **bold italics** followed by our response in plain text.

Corrections

1. ***MICC 19.13.050(K)(3)(ii), "In areas documented to contain archaeological resources by the office of archaeology and historic preservation, a site inspection or evaluation is required by a professional archaeologist in coordination with affected Indian tribes."***
 - a. ***The Snoqualmie Tribe has requested an archaeological review be performed for this project. This is in an area the Snoqualmie Tribe considers culturally significant and has a high probability to have unknown archaeological deposits. If any archaeological work is performed, the Snoqualmie Tribe request notification. An Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) should not be used in lieu of archaeological investigation. Cultural and archaeological resources are non-renewable and are best discovered prior to ground disturbance.***
 - b. ***Please provide an archaeological review prior to ground disturbance for this project.***

The proposed lifts will sit on the lake bed and there will be no excavation for their installation. The only ground disturbance for the project will be for the installation of the proposed plantings which are being installed in an area that has already been disturbed by landscaping. We do not feel that the scope of the project warrants an archaeological review.

2. ***Please confirm the surface coverage area of the moorage facility. Per MICC 19.13.050(F)(1)(i)(a), "The surface coverage are of the moorage facility is four hundred eighty square feet or less for a single property owner."***



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The existing pier is approximately 1,127 square feet however no work is occurring to the pier. The proposed lifts will have bunks that raise and lower and they will only be raised when supporting watercraft so they will effectively have no surface coverage.

3. ***Please confirm that any paint, stain or preservative applied to components of the dock must be leach resistant, completely dried or cured prior to installation. Materials shall not be treated with pentachlorophenol, creosote, CCA or comparably toxic compounds;***

The proposed lifts will not contain any wood and will not be painted nor stained. No materials for the lifts will be treated with pentachlorophenol, creosote, CCA or comparably toxic compounds.

4. ***Please confirm that disturbance of bank vegetation shall be limited to the minimum amount necessary to accomplish the project.***
 - a. ***Disturbed bank vegetation shall be replaced with native, locally adapted herbaceous and/or woody vegetation. Herbaceous plantings shall occur within 48 hours of the completion of construction. Woody vegetation components shall be planted in the***

The lifts will be brought to the site by barge and installed by hand. There will be no disturbance of bank vegetation.

5. ***Please show setback lines and calculations on the vegetation plan per MICC 19.13.050(F)(1)(ii):***
 - a. ***Within the 25-foot shoreline setback, a 20-foot vegetation area shall be established, measured landward from the OHWM. Twenty-five percent of the area shall contain vegetation coverage. The five feet nearest the OHWM shall contain at least 25 percent native vegetation coverage. A shoreline vegetation plan shall be submitted to the city for approval. The vegetation coverage shall consist of a variety of ground cover shrubs and trees, excluding nonnative grasses. No plants on the current King County noxious weed lists shall be planted within the shorelands.***

Setback lines and calculations for the vegetation have been added to sheet 4 of the revised drawings.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you require any additional information.

Regards,

Evan Wehr