

COLUMBIA COUNTY  
LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

COURTHOUSE  
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ST. HELENS, OREGON 97051  
(503) 397-1501

**PARTITION**  
General Information

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: Office \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Are you the \_\_\_\_\_ property owner? \_\_\_\_\_ owner's agent?

**PROPERTY OWNER:** \_\_\_\_\_ same as above, OR:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Phone No.: Office \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY ADDRESS** (if assigned): \_\_\_\_\_

**TAX ACCOUNT NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_ Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PARCEL SIZES (acres):** \_\_\_\_\_

**WATER SUPPLY:** \_\_\_\_\_ Private well. Is the well installed? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
\_\_\_\_\_ Community system. Name \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ Community Sewer. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Septic System.

If Septic, does the subject property already have a system? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If no, is the property approved for a Septic System? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that all of the above statements and all other documents submitted are accurate and true to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Planning Department Use Only

Date Rec'd. \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ or Admin. \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Land Use Actions: \_\_\_\_\_ Stormwater & Erosion Control Fees: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Columbia County Land Development Services  
STATEMENT OF WATER RIGHTS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The subject parcel(s) DO NOT have a water right.

Water is supplied to this property by \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign this form and file it with your Preliminary Plat. Thank you.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ The subject parcel(s) DO have a water right, as follows:

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ use

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Tax Lot Number	Acres	Tax Lot Number	Acres
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3. The water right has been put to beneficial use within the past 5 years: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know

4. The water right has been continuously used without a 5 year interruption since it was established and documented: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The water right WILL NOT be modified for this plat.

\_\_\_\_\_ The water right WILL be modified and the property owner has filed for: \_\_\_\_\_ a change of use.  
\_\_\_\_\_ a change in the point of diversion.  
\_\_\_\_\_ a change in the place of use.  
\_\_\_\_\_ an additional point of diversion.  
\_\_\_\_\_ cancellation of the water right.

6. The above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not write below this line. Thank you.

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# LAND PARTITIONING AND SUBDIVIDING INFORMATION

## GENERAL:

All land partitions and subdivisions outside incorporated cities must be approved by Columbia County Land Development Services, according to the requirements of the Subdivision and Partitioning Ordinance, before any partition parcel or subdivision lot may be sold.

## DEFINITIONS:

To "partition" land means to divide your property into 2 or 3 parcels within one calendar year. Note: In the St Helens UGB, partitioning of a parcel of land is only allowed once every 5 years.

A "subdivision" is the division of a parcel of land into 4 or more parcels.

"Your property" includes all adjacent (contiguous) tax lots under the same ownership which have not previously been divided into separate legal parcels; that is, all the land whose boundaries touch and which have the same owner(s).

A "separate legal parcel" is created only if:

1. It was legally created before the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance or was created prior to the Columbia County Subdivision and Partitioning Ordinance went into effect on March 1, 1973, or,
2. It was created through the partitioning process, and approved by the County.

## PRELIMINARY PLAT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Show dimensions and locations of all property lines and proposed partition lines with parcel numbers and sizes.
2. Show all existing structures, roads and driveways, wells and water lines, septic tanks and drainfields, and all prominent natural features (streams, lakes, ravines, slopes, cliffs, etc.).
3. Show distances from existing structures, wells, septic tanks and drainfields to the existing and proposed parcel lines and show dimensions of each new parcel.
4. Show the scale of the drawing and a north arrow. Show slopes with arrows pointing downhill.
5. Include name and address, and the parcel tax lot number.

# PROCESS

1. An application may be filed at the Department of Land Development Services, Courthouse, St. Helens, You will be charged a non-refundable application fee, to cover costs.
2. Please include a carefully drawn map (Preliminary Plat) of the property, showing the division line, all improvements, easements, roads, septic systems, wells etc. and prominent natural features (slopes, cliffs, & streams, etc.).
3. Staff will check to see if the proposed partition meets all Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Partitioning Ordinance requirements, and may inspect the property. If the partition appears to be approvable, a notice is sent to property owners within certain distances of the property, and to various interested parties.
4. If no request is received within 14 days to refer the matter to the Planning Commission, a staff report is prepared and the partition may be approved. Conditions may be imposed, and a road construction and/or maintenance agreement may be required.
5. If the referral to the Planning Commission is requested, staff will place the item on the next available Commission agenda, advertise a hearing, send notice to all adjacent property owners of the property boundaries, and prepare a report. The Commission will hold a hearing, accept comments from all interested parties, and approve or disapprove the partition. Again, conditions may be imposed, and a road construction and/or maintenance agreement may be required.
6. After the Preliminary Plat of the partition is approved, a Final Plat must be prepared within one year by a Surveyor licensed in Oregon. This will include a survey of all division lines and new roads or easements, parcel numbers, parcel area, etc. All dedications must be prepared, agreements drawn up and road improvements completed (or bonded for) before the Final Plat may be accepted and signed by the Department of Land Development Services. The Final Plat must then be checked and approved by the County Surveyor (for a fee), the tax assessor, County Commissioners, etc.
7. Once the Final Plat is signed by all the necessary parties, it may be recorded in the office of the County Clerk (County Recorder) to complete the process. Only then may lots or parcels be sold.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PARTITION PLATS

**Effective on November 4, 1993.**

**Senate Bill 9, which amended Section 1 of Chapter 19, ORS 92.095, requires that before partition plats can be recorded with the County Clerk, all ad valorem taxes, additional taxes, interest and penalties, and all special assessments, fees or other charges must be paid.**

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When to do  
**STORMWATER & EROSION CONTROL PLANS**

If applying for one of the following:

You will need to submit 2 full size and one  
11" X 17" of this/these plan(s):

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| <b>1. Single-Family &amp; Duplex Building Permits,</b>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Final Erosion Control Plan by Engineer for sites with known and apparent erosion problems</li></ul>   |
| <b>2. Commercial, Industrial, and Multi-family Building Permits,</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Final Erosion Control Plan by Engineer; and</li><li>● Final Stormwater Plan by Engineer</li></ul>   |
| <b>3. Grading Permits,</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Required measures but no plan required (See Ordinance)</li></ul>  |
| <b>4. Partitions in zones allowing single-family dwellings and duplexes,</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Conceptual Stormwater Plan by Applicant</li></ul>   |
| <b>5. Partitions in zones allowing multi-family dwelling units, commercial, industrial</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Preliminary Stormwater Plan by Engineer</li></ul>   |
| <b>6. Subdivisions,</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Preliminary Erosion Control Plan by Engineer</li><li>● Final Erosion Control Plan by Engineer</li><li>● Preliminary Stormwater Plan by Engineer</li><li>● Final Stormwater Plan by Engineer</li></ul> |
| <b>7. New Public Road Construction,</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Final Erosion Control Plan by Engineer</li><li>● Final Stormwater Plan by Engineer</li></ul>  |
| <b>8. Drainage Modifications.</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Final Erosion Control Plan by Engineer *</li></ul>  |

\* If area disturbed exceeds 2000 sq. ft. or 1000 sq. ft. on sites with known erosion problems.

# CONCEPTUAL STORMWATER PLAN

## Purpose

The purpose of the conceptual stormwater plan is to determine whether a proposal can meet the requirements set forth in this ordinance. In general, the conceptual stormwater plan identifies how runoff originating on the site or flowing through the site is presently controlled and how this will change due to the proposed development activity.

## Format

The conceptual stormwater control plan shall include a narrative and plan sheets drawn to scale.

## Contents

### *Conceptual Stormwater Narrative*

The conceptual stormwater narrative shall contain the following information:

- Site Map Location
  - At a minimum a USGS 7.5 minute topo series map shall be used showing the following information:
- Site boundaries or site location for small sites
- Contributing drainage areas
- Soil map from the Columbia County Soil Survey with the site highlighted
- Flood plain map with the site highlighted, if the site is in a flood plain
- Discussion of the methods to be used to treat runoff from paved surfaces on the site
- Discussion of the methods to be used to control the flow of stormwater runoff from the developed site. If infiltration is proposed, the discussion should include an analysis of the capability of on-site soils for infiltration of runoff, including the potential impacts on slope stability.
- Discussion of who will maintain the stormwater facilities constructed in conjunction with the project.
- Listing of additional permits (e.g., wetland, flood plain, etc.) that may be required for the project.

### *Existing Conditions Plan*

This plan shall show the information outlined below:

- Arrows showing the direction of drainage on the site.
- 1. Existing drainage features including streams, ditches, ponds, and wetlands, on or adjacent to the site.
- Existing structures on the site including:
- Existing septic systems on the site
- Existing vegetation on the site
- Soil types on the site

### *Preliminary Development Plan*

This plan shall include the following information:

- Existing and proposed property boundaries, easements, and right-of-ways
- Proposed building and road locations, if known.

# PRELIMINARY STORMWATER PLAN

## Purpose

The purpose of the preliminary stormwater plan is to determine whether a proposal can meet the requirements set forth in the stormwater ordinance. In general, the preliminary stormwater plan identifies how runoff originating on the site or flowing through the site is presently controlled and how this will change due to the proposed development activity.

## Format

The preliminary stormwater control plan shall include a report and plan sheets drawn to scale. The report and plans shall be stamped, signed, and dated by an engineer.

## Contents

### *Preliminary Stormwater Report*

The preliminary stormwater report shall contain the following information:

- Site Location Map
  - At a minimum a USGS 7.5 minute topo series map shall be used showing the following information:
- Site boundaries or site location for small sites
- Contributing drainage areas and their acreage
- Soil map from the Columbia County Soil Survey with the site highlighted
- Flood plain map with the site highlighted, if the site is in a flood plain
- Discussion of the methods to be used to treat runoff from paved surfaces on the site
- Discussion of the methods to be used to control the flow of stormwater runoff from the developed site. If infiltration is proposed, the discussion should include an analysis of the capability of on-site soils for infiltration of runoff, including the potential impacts on slope stability and on-site sewage systems.
- Calculations of the pre-development and post-development runoff from the site
- Preliminary sizing calculations for the proposed stormwater facilities
- Discussion of who will maintain the stormwater facilities constructed in conjunction with the project.
- Listing of additional permits (e.g., wetland, flood plain, etc.) that may be required for the project.

### *Existing Conditions Plan*

This plan shall show the information outlined below. If a preliminary erosion control plan is completed for the project, the same Existing Conditions Plan can be utilized.

- Existing topography in 2-foot contours.
- 1. Existing drainage features including streams, ditches, ponds, and wetlands, on or adjacent to the site.
- Existing structures on the site including:
  - Existing septic systems on the site
  - Existing vegetation on the site
  - Soil types on the site

*Preliminary Development Plan*

This plan shall include the following information:

- Existing and proposed property boundaries, easements, and right-of-ways
- Proposed building and road locations, if known.
- Approximate location and size of proposed stormwater facilities, including typical cross-sections of the proposed facilities.