



KOOTENAI COUNTY BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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RE: PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Please accept my apologies for the tardiness of my response to your questions regarding public drinking water systems in new subdivisions. The Kootenai County Subdivision Ordinance requires groundwater quantity information be provided with any subdivision application. Depending on the size and complexity of the development, the applicant can either specify that the development will be served by individual wells, a water system serving from two to nine lots, connection to an existing public drinking water system or the development of a new public drinking water system.

Your specific question was regarding the County's requirements for new public drinking water systems. It is the practice of the Building and Planning Department to rely on the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) comments regarding new public drinking water systems. It is up to the developer to meet all DEQ requirements before that system is operational. While the Subdivision Ordinance does outline minimum quantities and flows for residential uses, it also suggests that other methods of estimating water demand may be used. For new public drinking water systems, DEQ is the reviewing and approving agency.

Hopefully, this sheds a little more light on your questions and concerns. Feel free to contact me with any other questions at (208) 446-1082.

Sincerely,

Mark Mussman
Planner