

February 26, 2010

Nancy Batchelder,
City Recorder
City of Yachats

We are writing to you regarding the estimated proposed levy on our property 14-12-26-BC-07300 (Lot 12 Blackstone I). We object to this assessment being levied to our property for the following reasons:

1. Before we purchased the above property there was a performance bond that the city required from the builder to insure that the work on the water, sewer, roads and electricity would be completed. I called the city to inquire if there were any liens against the property or builder at that time as well as asked about the performance bond. The city informed me that the builder had a performance bond and that would ensure the work would be completed.
2. It is our understanding that the city (at a later date) is the party that allowed the builder, along with other builders to put money in an escrow account instead of requiring a large enough performance bond to cover the work.
3. The city is also the one that allowed the builder to begin phase 2 without first completing phase 1 of the Blackstone Development.
4. Our property is assessed as a property with water, sewer, electricity, and paved roads. We have been paying taxes accordingly on our property.
5. When we purchased our property we were told because of the updates to the city water treatment facility we would need to wait until that was completed to build on our property. This was fine with our timeline. My husband retired last June and we had planned on spending the fall of 2009 to find an architect and builder to begin building. This is the same time we found out that there still was no water to the property. We followed the process of the water tanks. So we knew they were ordered and installed.
6. The city and it's employees should have had a better understanding of the cost of the projects in question.

There has been no information about how this levy is to be applied to the property in question. What will happen if people do not pay the levy? When is the work to be completed? We feel the city and future buyers of the unsold properties are responsible for whatever costs there are.

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