REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

- MINUTES -

MEETING DATE: March 5, 1999

TO: Building Services Division Staff     Land Use Services
Division Staff
   Lynn Baugh                           Mark Carey
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FM: Sophia Byrd, Code Development Coordinator

Present: Jeri Brazeal, Sophia Byrd, Janene Collins (PA), Ken
Dinsmore, Lanny Henoch,
Gordon Thomson, Harold Vandergriff, Susan Marlin (Recorder)

Issue:
1. Is a variance required from the 5' side yard setback for a
   20' high retaining wall that cuts across the side yard
   property line? (K.C.C. 21A.12.170; 21A.44.030) (Jeri
   Brazeal, Code Enforcement Officer)

Discussion:
The issue was brought to the RRC for guidance in directing a
homeowner from incurring further Code Enforcement violations.
A 20' retaining wall has been placed on a two lot construction
site that does not meet required setback standards. A
retaining wall may be located in any setback provided it does
not exceed a height of six feet (K.C.C. 21A.12.170F).

Conclusion:
The group agreed it would be in the homeowner's best interest
to get a variance or face the possibility of being ordered to
remove the 20' wall.
2. Legislative Update

- Streamlining Permits -- HB 1893 still alive. Among other provisions it would allow King County, in a pilot project, to issue hydraulic permits for other projects it permits. This may end up merely as a study with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine how the county would issue the hydraulic permit and still meet state environmental and procedural requirements.

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