

October 1, 2013

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Dear Matt:

I understand that there is still some confusion remaining among the folks at the MDCPPC about issues associated with the preparation of final plats vis-à-vis preliminary plats. Just to clarify: below is what the Engineers Board and the Surveyors Board suggested with regard to final plats:

Section 24-119 (f)

(1) The final plat(s) shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Land Surveyor or a Property Line Surveyor and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland within one hundred eighty (180) days of:

(A) The Planning Board's notice of approval;

(B) Dismissal or withdrawal of an appeal from the Planning Board's approval; or

(2) Any final plat of subdivision no recorded within 180 days shall no longer be valid.

(3) .

With regard to preliminary plans (Section 24-120), the Boards suggested the following changes:

(a) Preliminary Plans. The subdivider shall present to the Planning Department a reproducible preliminary plan prepared by a Professional Land Surveyor or a Professional Engineer. If the preliminary plan has been prepared by a Property Line Surveyor, the plan shall also be certified by either a Professional Land Surveyor or a Professional Engineer. Preferably, the plan shall be prepared at a scale of one (1) inch equals one hundred (100) feet.

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For clarification purposes, I am enclosing a copy of the joint letter dated March 22, 2013, that both the Engineers Board and Surveyors Board previously sent to you with regard to this matter. I suggest that if the folks at MNCPPC still have questions or concerns, they may want to contact the Surveyors Board's Executive Director, Pamela Edwards, to arrange to come in to any of the Board's monthly meetings that are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Ms. Edwards can be reached at 410-230-6262.

Sincerely,



John V. Mettee III, Chairman
State Board for Professional Land Surveyors

Enclosure

March 22, 2013

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Dear Mr. Mills:

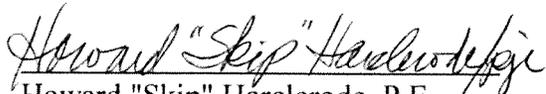
Thank you again for taking time to meet one of us and the Board's counsel regarding issues associated with the preparation of record plats by appropriate design professionals. We also appreciate the time and effort exhibited by all participants in that meeting, and trust that you will share this joint letter with all of them.

As per the discussion, attached please find our suggested changes to Section 24-119 (f) of the Prince George's County Subdivision Regulations. In addition, I would like to let you know that I brought up the issues that we discussed to the attention of the State Board for Professional Engineers (the "Engineers Board"). Both the Engineers Board and the Board for Professional Land Surveyors that I chair (the "Surveyors Board") noted that "platting, layout, and preparation of . . . right-of-way plats and subdivision plats" is specifically referred to in Section 15-101(h) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Licensing Statute"), as being within the express scope of the surveyors' (both professional land surveyors' and property line surveyors') license. In addition, Section 3-108 (e) of the Real Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, states that "each plat shall be signed and sealed by a professional land surveyor or property line surveyor licensed in the State.

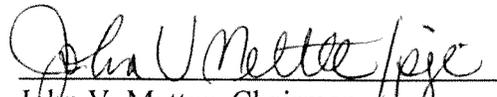
After careful review and consideration, both Boards are in full agreement that the preparation of right-of-way plats and subdivision record plats fall within the exclusive scope of practice property line and professional land surveyors. Therefore, both Board appreciate your willingness to amend the Subdivision Regulations to provide for the preparation of these plats by professional land and property line surveyors, all subject to the limitations set forth in Section 15-101 (j) of the Licensing Statute related to "minor engineering" components. We hope that the attached suggested changes will be of assistance to you.

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Thank you again for your willingness to work with us. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance, and please keep us apprised of the status of this matter.


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