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**Memorandum**

**Effective: Monday, March 22, 2021**

**A plumbing permit, gas piping permit, and backflow device permit shall be obtained for each townhome (single family home) that is constructed under one building (roof).**

Where a property development application is submitted to the building department as a "Unit Lot Subdivision" for the purpose of constructing townhomes (single-family homes), the building department issues a land use and building permit to the developer under the existing parcel number and address, as identified by the KC assessor's Office (KC Parcel Viewer website). Subsequently, the developer is required to obtain, from the King County Assessor's Office, parcel numbers and addresses for each individual townhome prior to completion and sale of the townhomes.

With each townhome being a separate residential property, and each will have separate utility services (electricity, water, gas, etc.), a permit for plumbing, backflow devices and gas piping is required for each individual townhome for the purpose of keeping accurate inspection records.

When individual parcels and addresses are not available for each townhome at the onset of a permit application, the permit will identify the parent (existing) address and parcel number as identified by the KC Assessor's Parcel Viewer. Please identify each townhome by number or letter (i.e., 1,2,3..., A,B,C...) on the permit application submittal. When the King County Assessor's Office issues new parcel numbers for each townhome; the applicant of the plumbing, backflow, and gas piping permits is required to revise the permits to reflect the new parcel numbers and addresses. Contact one of our offices to complete this procedure.

*Note: Only one permit for plumbing, one permit for gas piping and one permit for backflow devices is required for each building when dwelling units will be designated as apartments or sold as condos.*

*Steve Nastruz*

*March 4, 2021*

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Steve Nastruz      Chief Plumbing Inspector

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