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Dean Hachamovitch
77 Clyde Ln
Clyde Hill, WA 98004

RE: Automated gate across driveway

Dear Mr. Hachamovitch

The City of Clyde Hill has been reviewing your application to install an automated gate across your driveway. I am sorry to say, your application has been declined. The gate would be in violation of the utility easement recorded with the King County Auditor's office. I have attached a copy of the utility easement. In addition, the gate would also be in violation of Clyde Hill Municipal Code sections 13.08.220 and 17.44.020.

13.08.220 Accessibility

Hydrants shall not be obstructed by any structure or vegetation, or have the hydrant visibility impaired within a distance of 150 feet in any direction of vehicular approach to the hydrant. (Ord. 325 § 8, 1973)

17.44.020 Rights of city.

All private lanes and easements shall perpetually grant to the city the right of egress over and upon the same for the exercise of the police power of the city, including the conduct of all municipal responsibility, the protection of life, property and general welfare. (Ord. 805 § 1, 1999; Ord. 324 § 2, 1973; Ord. 74 § 9, 1959)

The location of the gate would restrict access to the utility easement and fire hydrant. There are numerous utilities companies that may need access to their equipment, valves, lines and pipes located in the easement. The utilities companies need access for repairs, maintenance or emergency situations.

The City of Clyde Hill will be refunding your permit fee and Washington State surcharge fee.

If you have, any questions or concerns feel free to give me a call 425-453-7800.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Soloski', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Soloski
Building Official
City of Clyde Hill
425-453-7800