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 Tax Parcel #: _____
 Project #: _____
 Date: _____

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**CONNECTION TO A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
 CERTIFICATE OF WATER AVAILABILITY**

Use this for if you are proposing connection to a Public Water System

Purpose: To assure the availability of potable drinking water per RCW 19.27 and Article III of the Thurston County Sanitary Code.

Issuance of a Certificate of Water Availability (COWA) is required prior to issuance of all building permits for new construction or change of use when potable drinking water is required.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PUBLIC WATER PURVEYOR/OWNER (see instructions on page 2)

Public Water System Name: _____ I.D.# _____ Group A or B
 (circle one)

Statement of Water System Purveyor/Owner: I certify the proposed connection to this water system is within the scope of plans and specifications approved on _____ (date). Signature of this document confirms assignment of a service connection.

The system is approved for a maximum number of _____ connections. There are currently, including this connection, _____ number of active/pending service connections. The routine water quality monitoring samples and water quality are in compliance with WAC 246-290 or 291 (State Drinking Water Regulations).

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____
 Purveyor Phone Number: _____

PERMIT ASSISTANCE CENTER STAFF TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION

FOR PERMIT ASSISTANCE STAFF EVALUATION

Group A Systems WDOH Determination: Adequate Inadequate

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STAFF EVALUATION

Group B Systems and File check: Adequate Inadequate
 Group B Exempt Systems Total Connections: < Approved # = Approved # > Approved #
 Sampling: Adequate Inadequate NA
 Water Quality: Adequate Inadequate NA

PERMIT ASSISTANCE STAFF

WATER CERTIFICATE APPROVED WATER CERTIFICATE **NOT** APPROVED
 Signature _____ Title: _____ Date _____

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STAFF

WATER CERTIFICATE APPROVAL RECOMMENDED APPROVAL **NOT** RECOMMENDED
 Signature _____ Title: _____ Date _____

CERTIFICATE OF WATER AVAILABILITY (COWA) INSTRUCTIONS CONNECTION TO A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

STEP 1 Have the middle section of the form completed by the purveyor or owner of the public water system.

STEP 2 Submit the form to:

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STEP 3 **Group A Public Water Systems:** Thurston County Permit Assistance Center staff reviews the water system adequacy report provided by the Washington State Department of Health and issues the certificate if the requirements to demonstrate water availability are met.

Group B Public Water Systems: Thurston County Environmental Health staff evaluates the public water system records to determine whether the proposed connection is within the scope of system approval, and if the system is in compliance with water quality monitoring and other operational requirements. Environmental Health staff will then recommend whether or not a certificate of water availability should be approved. The Permit Assistance Center staff issues the certificate if the requirements to demonstrate water availability are met.

Group B Exempt Public Water Systems: Thurston County Environmental Health staff evaluates the public water system records to determine whether the proposed connection is within the scope of system approval. A Group B Exempt Public Water System is classified as a community system with a source well approved to serve a maximum of 2 service connections and less than 25 people per day (such as a workplace) or 25 or more people per day for fewer than 60 days per year and do not serve a connection with a use listed under WAC 246-291-010(a) through (h).