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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Payton
Development Review

FROM: Richard D. Blinn, P.E. *[Signature]*
Manual Administrator

DATE: June 20, 1996

SUBJECT: Variance Requests for Short Subdivisions

Variations are routinely requested and granted for short subdivisions meeting certain conditions. To expedite and simplify County review and processing of short subdivisions, the following change will be effective this date:

The Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual Administrator hereby grants variance authority to the Development Review Engineer for all short subdivisions meeting certain conditions. These conditions include

1. A Soils Professional or designee shall perform infiltration tests on site. Testing may be waived by the Development Review Engineer per section 4.4.2 if infiltration testing would not significantly improve the estimate. (This may be applicable in the Grand Mound - Rochester area, where there has been a great deal of soils work in nearby locations which may adequately characterize soils on site.) If testing is waived, the Soils Professional is still required to submit substantiating soils work and infiltration rate determination.
2. Sites with infiltration rates exceeding 6 inches per hour are granted variances, subject to meeting single-family requirements outlined in Section 8.5.13 of the Manual.



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Sites with:

- infiltration rates less than 6 inches per hour,
- in areas of seasonal high water tables,
- near to surface waters such as streams, wetlands or lakes,
- indications of potential drainage concerns, or
- a designed roadway section

will not be granted variances.

Please contact Loretta Swanson at ext. 7343 if you have questions regarding this new process. Loretta will continue to provide variance request support, should you have questions on specific applications.