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To: Utility Companies and Providers

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Subject: New Utility Certification required on plats

Letters were mailed to all utility companies in Walton County on December 15, 2007 from Pat Blackshear, AICP, Director of Walton County Planning and Development Services Division, regarding utility infrastructure surety. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court, based upon advice from her attorney that Walton County cannot require or hold a surety for infrastructure that will become a part of an existing potable water or sanitary sewer system that is not owned or operated by Walton County, made the decision that it is the responsibility of the water or sewer provider to obtain and hold a surety for the installation of those systems. Where the utility provider is not providing such a surety to the utility provider, the County will begin requesting copies of certified technical inspections for water and sewer infrastructure and the approval of the utility service provider for the installed infrastructure before taking plats before the County Commission for final approval.

Several meetings have been held between Pat Blackshear, AICP, Walton County Planning Director and various utility companies in Walton County wherein Pat Blackshear has explained the need for utility companies to have adequate surety to cover the correct installation of the utilities before signing the subdivision plats. Therefore the following certification is now required on all plats.

UTILITY COMPANY APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION:

(Potable Water or Sanitary Sewer or Both)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE (Utility company's full name) OF WALTON COUNTY FLORIDA AND SAID UTILITY COMPANY DOES HEREBY APPROVE AND CERTIFY THAT SAID UTILITY COMPANY HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES INDICATED ABOVE AND WILL PROVIDE SAID SERVICES INDICATED ABOVE AND INSURE THE CORRECT AND COMPLETE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ABOVE UTILITY SYSTEMS INSTALLED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS PLAT, CERTIFIED ON THIS DATE, _____ DAY OF _____ 2008.

(Printed Company's agent name) ----- AUTHORIZED AGENT SIGNATURE