



City of Bellingham  
Public Works Department

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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** HEARING EXAMINER  
**From:** Brent Baldwin, Development Manager  
**Subject:** 530 38<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
**Date:** May 25, 2023

### **Request**

A variance to provide relief from constructing an alley in a platted right of way

### **Staff analysis**

Bellingham Public Works Development Guidelines and Improvement Standards provides for a maximum grade of a public street at 15% grade. The applicant has submitted evidence that areas of the site exceed grades of 30% twice as steep as is allowable.

### **Recommendation**

Staff agrees with the application for a variance due to topographical challenges and recommends that an approval to the variance be granted..

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## Bellingham Fire Department - Life Safety Division

June 7, 2023

### MEMORANDUM

Bellingham Fire Department has no objection to VAR2023-0005 as proposed. The proposal will not require any infrastructure improvements to meet the fire code access requirements.

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Shawn P. Linville #266  
Division Chief/Fire Marshal  
Bellingham Fire Department