

From: Thomas Wenzl
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 1:48 PM
To: 'Tanya Belova'
Cc: Gregory Adams
Subject: RE: Request for Extension to File Appeal + Public Records Request – Case No. CODE-2026-0082 (Belov Property, 12790 Marine Drive, Anacortes)

Skagit County is not inclined to extend any deadlines in this situation. We would rather work with you and do appreciate the steps you have already taken to locate a Washington State licensed geotechnical engineer. We will require a full report at some point, but mainly are concerned about the immediate assessment of this engineer. If he/she is to say the slope is stable and fine, then yes. We can slow the process down. I'm sure you can understand the concerns the neighbors have.

All applications to the Skagit County Planning Department are done electronically now. To file the appeal, follow the link below my signature line, or go to www.skagitcounty.net/portal. You will need to create an account if you don't already have one. Click the 'Apply' button and search for 'Appeal of Code Compliance Administrative Order'. There is a \$1,500.00 fee that needs to be paid at time of application. The deadline to file this appeal is 5/28/2026.

Skagit County's primary concern is the stability of the embankment, and whether your parents home, and the neighboring homes are at risk. This entire coastline of Fidalgo Island is a Geologically Unstable area. My Natural Resources people strongly disagree with the removal of any trees or vegetation on any slope. It's actually the root structure that helps holds the hill together, helps remove excess moisture, and generally creates a more stable slope. That's not to say that a 'danger tree' could exist where its presence might be harmful, but 99% of the time, the geotechnical engineers would not recommend the removal of any natural vegetation. Which is why there is a whole section of Code in the Shoreline Program, and Critical Area program, that restricts the removal of any vegetation without County review.

Due to this being a serious life/safety concern, if you are unable to have the initial assessment performed, the County can cause that to happen as described under Disclosures on the Administrative Order. We are fortunate that we have entered a drier time of the year, which will give us time to get the assessment and any stabilization work that may be needed performed. We don't want to be trying to do this in Oct/Nov when our rainy season starts.

Regarding the Records release, I will start pulling the information so there is no delay in you getting it. You will need to submit a request through our Public Records portal. <https://skagitcountywa.nextrequest.com/>

Please advise me when you have made that request so I can get the documents to you quickly. There are at times a few days delay in our records department advising me of a request. If I know you've done it, I can dump the files in and have them released almost immediately.

And finally, you will also need to apply for a Critical Area Evaluation. This is done in the same place you look for the appeal application. In a normal situation, that would have been done before any work was performed. And in this case, we still would have required an assessment from a Washington State Licensed Geotechnical Engineer for this project. Due to the urgency, we are skipping right to that step up front and fill in the Critical Area Review application as time allows.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Tom Wenzl

Code Compliance Officer

Skagit County Planning & Development Services

360-416-1320 Office

360-416-1340 Direct

The Planning Department has a new Permit/Application Portal. SkagitCounty.net/portal

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From: Tanya Belova <tanyab0105@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 12:21 PM

To: Thomas Wenzl <twenzl@co.skagit.wa.us>

Subject: Request for Extension to File Appeal + Public Records Request – Case No. CODE-2026-0082 (Belov Property, 12790 Marine Drive, Anacortes)

Dear Tom,

My name is Tatiana Belova. I am the daughter of Vladimir Belov and Irina Belova, the owners of the property at 12790 Marine Drive in Anacortes (Case Number CODE-2026-0082). I hold power of attorney for my parents and assist them with official matters due to their limited English.

Please direct all future communication regarding this matter to me as their attorney-in-fact. I will be the sole point of contact for my parents moving forward.

I am writing to respectfully request an extension to file an appeal regarding the Administrative Order to Abate Violation dated May 14, 2026. I am currently out of the country and will not return to the United States until May 30, 2026. I have attached a copy of my return ticket as supporting documentation.

My parents have always made every reasonable effort to maintain their home and the slope on their property to prevent landslides. When they purchased the home, the neighboring property had already experienced a significant slide. This prompted them to research the issue thoroughly. They learned that heavy rain combined with the weight of large trees can contribute to slope instability. Following professional advice, they trimmed the trees to reduce weight rather than removing them. They have continued to care for the property to the best of their ability.

We are seeking the extension primarily to address certain language and statements in the notice. We remain fully committed to working cooperatively with Skagit County, following all guidance on slope erosion prevention, and taking all steps within our means to protect the property.

I attempted to access the appeal process through the Skagit County website but was unable to locate the correct portal or required forms. I will need guidance from your office on the proper procedure. In addition, we are actively contacting several licensed geotechnical engineers to obtain the required Geologic Hazard Site Assessment. However, due to their current availability, meeting the June 15 deadline has proven very difficult.

Public Records Request:

Pursuant to the Washington State Public Records Act (RCW 42.56), I am also requesting copies of **all records** related to Case No. CODE-2026-0082, including but not limited to:

- All photos, aerial imagery, and videos referenced in the Administrative Order;

- Site visit reports, inspection notes, and correspondence;
- Any geotechnical or natural resources assessments or recommendations;
- All other documentation in the county's possession concerning this matter.

Please provide these records as soon as possible (in electronic format if available) so we can fully prepare our response and appeal. I understand there may be a reasonable copying or processing fee, and I authorize payment of any such fees up to \$50 (please notify me if it will exceed this amount).

I kindly request an extension of at least 30 days from my return date (until approximately June 30, 2026) to file the appeal and to submit the geotechnical assessment. Please let me know what additional information or documentation you may require.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and consideration in this matter. My parents and I are eager to resolve this cooperatively and ensure the long-term stability of the slope.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I can be reached at 425-941-3176 after 5/30 or by reply email. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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