

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION  
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The Attorney General's Office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s).

**97-10-04      Request by David Skeen  
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1.    **Do the requirements of RCW 36.70A apply to land platted or subdivided under RCW 58.16 and 58.17 prior to July 1, 1990?**
2.    **If the answer to Question #1 is yes, is a county required to treat an existing subdivision, parcel or lot as valid, without requiring further regulation to develop pursuant to RCW 58.16, 58.17 or applicable county or state regulations relating to density?**
3.    **Do the requirements of the GMA, codified as RCW 36.70A, and as amended in 1997 by ESB 6094, which require counties to include in their Comprehensive Plans a Rural Element which establishes appropriate rural densities that preserve the rural character and that do not contribute to rural sprawl, apply to lands platted or subdivided prior to July 1, 1990?**
4.    **If the answer to Question #3 is yes, is a county required to treat a subdivision, parcel or lot that meets minimum health standards and other county regulations, but which does not meet current density requirements, as a legal, developable lot of record pursuant to RCW 58.17?**
5.    **If the answer to Question #4 is no, is the county required to compel the aggregation or consolidation of properties held in common ownership to establish the rural density currently established under the local jurisdiction's GMA Comp. Plan?**

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