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Dear Matthew:

Thank you for the time you just spent with me on the phone to discuss acceptable annotation of a real estate excise tax affidavit (REETA).

By this email, I request that you research and send me a copy of any written protocol or other direction from the King County Recorder to its employees regarding how to acceptably annotate a REETA. Here is the basis for my request.

I submitted a quitclaim deed to the King County Recorder for recording along with a REETA on which I claimed a gift exemption under WAC 458-61A-201 (gift but grantor continues to pay debt). Here is what I put in Section 7 of the REETA:

WAC 458-61A-201 [2.B.2.]

I put the 2.B.2. in brackets because it does not represent a section/subsection of the WAC, but I understand that King County wants to see a reference to the Supplemental Statement there anyway.

The King County Recorder rejected the recording with the following explanation:

EXCISE SECTION 7 THE SEUBSECTION IS IN THE INCORRECT FORMAT. DID YOU MEAN WAC 458-61A-201(B2)?

I do not understand how my submission could cause any confusion. The full section/subsection/paragraph of the Supplemental Statement is clearly "2.B.2." and not "(B2)." Even so, the person rejecting the REETA was somehow befuddled by the fact that the REETA listed the actual section number from the Supplemental Statement.

I am unaware of any writing that lays out the specific format that is required on the REETA. Moreover, Section 7 of the REETA clearly says "WAC number (section/subsection)." It does not say "WAC number (section/subsection) and paragraph number from the Supplemental Statement in the following format: (subsection paragraph) (do not include the section from the Supplemental Statement and do not place periods or spaces between subsection and paragraph)."

Please advise. Thank you.

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