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RELATING TO WATER; REQUIRING SUBDIVIDERS OF LAND TO POSSESS A PERMIT FOR OR PROOF OF ACCESS TO A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF WATER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION BEFORE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 47-6-11.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 212, Section 13) is amended to read:

"47-6-11.2. WATER PERMIT REQUIRED FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL.--Before approving the final plat for a subdivision containing ten or more parcels, any one of which is two acres or less in size, the board of county commissioners shall require that the subdivider provide proof of a service commitment from a water provider and an opinion from the state engineer that the subdivider can fulfill the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection F of Section 47-6-11 NMSA 1978 or provide a copy of a permit obtained from the state engineer, issued pursuant to Section 72-5-1, 72-5-23, 72-5-24, 72-12-3 or 72-12-7 NMSA 1978 for the subdivision water use. In acting on the permit application, the state engineer shall determine whether the amount of water permitted is sufficient in quantity to fulfill the maximum annual water requirements of the subdivision, including water for indoor and outdoor domestic uses. The board of county

commissioners shall not approve the final plat unless the state engineer has so issued a permit for the subdivision water use or the subdivider has provided proof of a service commitment from a water provider and the state engineer has provided an opinion that the subdivider can fulfill the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection F of Section 47-6-11 NMSA 1978. The board of county commissioners shall not approve the final plat based on the use of water from any permit issued pursuant to Section 72-12-1.1 NMSA 1978." SJC/SCONC/SB 480 Page 2