

(WAC 197-11-970)

**SPOKANE ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE  
NONPROJECT DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**FILE NO(S):** *City of Spokane Amendment of SMC 17C.355 – Wireless Communication Facilities*

**PROPONENT:** *City of Spokane, Planning & Development*

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** *The City of Spokane's wireless code, SMC Chapter 17C.355, is being substantially amended primarily as it relates to the construction of new wireless communication facility support towers primarily in and near the City's residential zones. Amendments will also be made to other sections of Title 17 for purposes of consistency with the amendments to Chapter 17C.355.*

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY:** *This is a citywide development code amendment that applies to areas within the City of Spokane.*

**LEAD AGENCY:** *City of Spokane, Planning & Development*

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[ ] There is no comment period for this DNS.

[ ] This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in section 197-11-355 WAC. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

[x] This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of issuance (below). Comments must be submitted no later than **October 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** if they are intended to alter the DNS.

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**Responsible Official:** Louis Meuler

**Position/Title:** Interim Director, Planning and Development      **Phone:** (509) 625-6300

**Address:** 808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201-3329

**Date Issued:** September 28, 2015      **Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPEAL OF THIS DETERMINATION**, after it becomes final, may be made to the City of Spokane Hearing Examiner, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201. The appeal deadline is fourteen (14) calendar days after the signing of the DNS. This appeal must be on forms provided by the Responsible Official, make specific factual objections and be accompanied by the appeal fee. Contact the Responsible Official for assistance with the specifics of a SEPA appeal.

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**State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)  
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST  
2015 Wireless Communication Facilities Code Update**

**File No. Non-Project**

**Purpose of Checklist:**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

**Instructions for Applicants:**

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

**Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:**

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "*does not apply.*"

IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (Part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

**A. BACKGROUND**

1. Name of proposed project: *Wireless Communication Facilities Code Update.*
2. Applicant: *City of Spokane*
3. Address: *808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.*  
City/State/Zip: *Spokane, WA 99201* Phone: *(509)625-6300*  
Agent or Primary Contact: *Tami Palmquist, AICP, CFM, Associate Planner*  
Location of Project: *City-wide*
4. Date checklist prepared: *September 14, 2015*
5. Agency requesting checklist: *City of Spokane Planning and Development*
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): *Scheduled for adoption in 2015.*
7. a. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. *Yes. It is anticipated that future revisions to the Unified Development Code will occur.*  
b. Do you own or have options on land nearby or adjacent to this proposal? If yes, explain. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. *A draft and final EIS were prepared for the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2001. Environmental checklists have been prepared for each amendment to the Spokane Municipal Code as they have occurred following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Environmental checklist will still be required for future individual wireless communication facility applications.*
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. *The City's wireless code, Chapter 17C.355 of the Spokane Municipal Code, is being substantially amended primarily as it relates to the construction of new wireless communication facility support towers primarily in and near the City's residential zones. All other zones will be updated as well. Amendments will also be made to other sections of Title 17 for purposes of consistency with the*

*amendments to Chapter 17C.355. The complete document fully describing all of the changes is available on the City of Spokane Planning and Development website on the projects page, <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/>. All of these documents affect the City of Spokane Geographic Area.*

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. *The proposed revisions to the Spokane Municipal Code require a City of Spokane Plan Commission recommendation to the City Council, and adoption by ordinance by the Spokane City Council.*
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
12. Location of the proposal: Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit application related to this checklist. *All of these documents affect the City of Spokane Geographic Area.*
13. Does the proposed action lie within the Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)? The General Sewer Service Area? The Priority Sewer Service Area? The City of Spokane? (See: Spokane County's ASA Overlay Zone Atlas for boundaries.)  
*Yes to all.*
14. The following questions supplement Part A.
  - a. Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) / Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)

- (1) Describe any systems, other than those designed for the disposal of sanitary waste installed for the purpose of discharging fluids below the ground surface (includes systems such as those for the disposal of stormwater or drainage from floor drains). Describe the type of system, the amount of material to be disposed of through the system and the types of material likely to be disposed of (including materials which may enter the system inadvertently through spills or as a result of firefighting activities). *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (2) Will any chemicals (especially organic solvents or petroleum fuels) be stored in aboveground or underground storage tanks? If so, what types and quantities of material will be stored? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (3) What protective measures will be taken to insure that leaks or spills of any chemicals stored or used on site will not be allowed to percolate to groundwater. This includes measures to keep chemicals out of disposal systems. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (4) Will any chemicals be stored, handled or used on the site in a location where a spill or leak will drain to surface or groundwater or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

(b) Stormwater

- (1) What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)?  
*Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (2) Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

**1. Earth**

a. General description of the site (check one):

Flat    Rolling    Hilly    Steep slopes    Mountainous

Other: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt, or buildings)? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

## **2. Air**

- a. What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

### 3. Water

#### a. SURFACE WATER:

- (1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from the surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? If yes, give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (6) Does the proposal involve any discharge of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

#### b. GROUNDWATER:

- (1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

c. WATER RUNOFF (INCLUDING STORMWATER):

- (1) Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) and method of collection and disposal if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

d. PROPOSED MEASURES to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

4. Plants

a. Check the type of vegetation found on the site: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

Deciduous tree:  alder  maple  aspen

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Evergreen tree:  fir  cedar  pine

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Shrubs  Grass  Pasture  Crop or grain

Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops

Wet soil plants:  cattail  buttercup  bullrush  skunk cabbage

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Water plants:  water lily  eelgrass  milfoil

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other types of vegetation: \_\_\_\_\_

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*



- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

**5. Animals**

- a. Check and List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

Birds:  hawk  heron  eagle  songbirds

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Mammals:  deer  bear  elk  beaver

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Fish:  bass  salmon  trout  herring  shellfish

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (not listed in above categories): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- b. List any threatened or endangered animal species known to be on or near the site. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

## **6. Energy and natural resources**

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

## **7. Environmental health**

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- (3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals/conditions that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

(4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

(5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

b. NOISE:

(1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

(2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

(3) Proposed measure to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

**8. Land and shoreline use**

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. Describe any structures on the site. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, which? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or the county? If so, specify. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

## 9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high-, middle- or low-income housing. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

## 10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

## 11. Light and Glare

- d. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- e. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

- f. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

## **12. Recreation**

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

## **13. Historic and cultural preservation**

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archaeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

#### **14. Transportation**

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail or air transportation? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

**15. Public services**

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

**16. Utilities**

- a. Check utilities currently available at the site: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

- electricity
- natural gas
- water
- refuse service
- telephone
- sanitary sewer
- septic system

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed: *Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*



**C. SIGNATURE**

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the *agency* must withdraw any determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: 9/29/2015 Signature: 

**Please Print or Type:**

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Staff member(s) reviewing checklist: Tami Palmquist, AICP, Associate Planner

Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, the staff concludes that:

- A. there are no probable significant adverse impacts and recommends a Determination of Nonsignificance.
- B. probable significant adverse environmental impacts do exist for the current proposal and recommends a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance with conditions.
- C. there are probable significant adverse environmental impacts and recommends a Determination of Significance.

#### D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

*(Do not use this sheet for project actions)*

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

*Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: *None.*

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life?

*Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are: *None.*

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

*Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: *None.*

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains or prime farmlands?

*Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: *None*.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans? *The proposed code amendments are intended to guide the location and construction of new wireless communication facilities support towers and antenna arrays to be consistent with the goals, policies and land use plan map of the Spokane Municipal Code and the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments will among other things establish a hierarchy of preferred locations and structures for new wireless communication facilities and support towers and will encourage the use of smaller facilities that will have less of an aesthetic impact on the City's residential areas.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: *No new measures are proposed regarding the shorelines. Existing regulations are adequate to avoid or reduce shoreline impacts. The proposed code amendments will lessen impacts on land use.*

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? *No increase in demand for these services is anticipated as a result of these code amendments.*

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: *None*.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

*There are no known conflicts between the proposed zoning code text and existing local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.*

C. SIGNATURE

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- C.  there are probable significant adverse environmental impacts and recommends a Determination of Significance.