

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Spokane Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review

Notice is hereby given that the City of Spokane Plan Commission will hold a virtual public hearing, on **2/24/2021, beginning at 4:00 pm**. This public hearing is to consider proposed amendments to the City SMP regulations found in Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) Title 17E Environmental Standards, Chapter 17E.060 Shoreline Regulations, to bring the regulations into compliance with current state legislation.

Webex virtual meeting access details will be posted online no later than one week prior to the hearing on the City of Spokane Plan Commission webpage:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/commissions/plan-commission/>

The City deferred in-person public hearings in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to protect those most vulnerable. Due to the restrictions on public gatherings arising from the COVID-19 outbreak, this hearing will be conducted remotely using web and telephone conference tools, as described below. However, if the Governor's restrictions for group gatherings are lifted prior to the scheduled hearing date, the hearing will be held in person at the designated time in the Council Chambers, Lower Level of City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA. Any changes to the procedures that will be followed for this hearing will be posted on the Plan Commission's website: <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/commissions/plan-commission/>. This hearing or portions thereof may be continued to a later date at the discretion of the Plan Commission.

SUBJECT: The Spokane Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Review is state mandated and led by the City of Spokane in close collaboration with Dept of Ecology. This project is narrowly focused to achieve City SMP compliance with changes to state legislation concerning Shorelines. Authority for the periodic review is based on Washington's Shoreline Management Act (Ch. 90.58 RCW) and related rules. These amendments were developed by the City to comply with WAC 173-26-090, which requires all local governments to review their SMPs on an eight-year schedule set in state law and revise it if necessary. The review ensures the SMP keeps up with changes in state laws, changes in other local jurisdictions' plans and regulations, and other changed circumstances. The City elected to use the optional joint review process to combine the local and Ecology comment periods, as allowed under WAC 173-26-104. No additional comment period will occur during the state review process, however additional city review and comment periods will be forthcoming. Comments provided to the City of Spokane will be reviewed by both the City and Ecology. There is no need to send comments directly to Ecology. This is an SMP Periodic Review - not an Update.

APPLICANT: City of Spokane

To learn more: The project page can be found on the City website: <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/shoreline-master-program-periodic-update/>

LOCATION: The Spokane SMP Periodic Review and accompanying amendments is a citywide project.

SEPA: A Determination of Non-Significance was issued by Planning Services on December 23, 2020 and a 14-day comment period commenced January 5 - January 19, 2021. No comments were received during the comment period.

Process Notes: The City SMP was reviewed against Dept of Ecology Periodic Review checklist as required; analysis submitted to Ecology. Necessary amendments were identified, and the Draft Amendment Proposal prepared, shared with agencies for

review, and uploaded online. An email database of interested parties is maintained for regular communications. Information on the Periodic Review was presented to the public, neighboring jurisdictions, and partner agencies in two virtual Open House sessions via Webex on December 1, 2020. The Community Assembly was briefed on December 3, 2020. A notice of Joint Public Comment Period with Ecology and City of Spokane was published in the Spokesman-Review December 23 and January 5; the comment period commenced January 5 - February 5, 2021 and all comments were recorded, responded to, and provided to Ecology. Ecology provided separate notification. This periodic review does not re-evaluate the ecological baseline established as part of the last SMP update, 2011; change shoreline jurisdiction or environment designations; or result in changes to the comprehensive plan.

Full project details can be found at:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/shoreline-master-program-periodic-update/>

Any person may submit written comments by letter or email on the proposed action or call for additional information:

City of Spokane, Planning Services

Melissa Wittstruck, Planner, 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane WA 99201. Or email comments to: mwittstruck@spokanecity.org 509-625-6087. Comments are provided to Plan Commission.

Only the applicant, persons submitting written or emailed comments, or persons testifying at a hearing may appeal the decision of the Plan Commission and City Council.

WebEx Details: We encourage all interested persons and the public to utilize the WebEx meeting feature to attend the meeting and to testify if desired. Please download the application in advance of the hearing. The optimal equipment for audio/video participation is a computer, smart phone, or tablet equipped with a camera and a headset with microphone similar to what you use with your phones for hands-free use. The WebEx application is free to download and use to observe or participate in the hearing. If this technology is unavailable to you, you can participate by phone using the toll number, service charges may apply. Your experience by phone will be similar to a teleconference.

Following the hearing before the Plan Commission staff will request a hearing date before City Council. If you have provided public comment or have requested additional notice, then you will receive emailed notice of the City Council hearing. No further mailings or postings are required by City code.

Continuing Notification: If you have not previously commented or requested to be on the notification list and would like to receive notice of further actions related to the Spokane Municipal Code Maintenance Project Phase I 2020-2021, email mwittstruck@spokanecity.org or mail Melissa Wittstruck, Assistant Planner, City of Spokane, 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION: The City of Spokane is committed to providing equal access to its facilities, programs and services for persons with disabilities. The Spokane City Council Chamber in the lower level of Spokane City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., is wheelchair accessible and also is equipped with an infrared assistive listening system for persons with hearing loss. Headsets may be checked out (upon presentation of picture ID) at the City Cable 5 Production Booth located on the First Floor of the Municipal Building, directly above the Chase Gallery or through

the meeting organizer. Individuals requesting reasonable accommodations or further information may call, write, or email Human Resources at 509.625.6363, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA, 99201; or msteinolfson@spokanecity.org. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact Human Resources through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1. Please contact us forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting date.