

(WAC 197-11-970)

**SPOKANE ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE
NONPROJECT DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

FILE NO(S): SMC 17C.230 – An ordinance amending section 17C.230 Parking & Loading of the Spokane Municipal Code.

PROPONENT: City of Spokane, Planning & Development

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: An ordinance amending Section 17C.230, Parking and Loading of the Spokane Municipal Code. This amendment provides updated parking requirements in Neighborhood Retail (NR) zones. These zones are small commercial areas with historic roots as local community or "streetcar" business locations. A total of 72 Neighborhood Retail zoned areas currently exist within the City of Spokane. This proposal seeks to reduce barriers to redevelopment by reducing parking requirements for Neighborhood Retail zones which are small and neighborhood serving. The proposal retains existing parking requirements but gives a parking exemption for existing, new, or building additions with a floor area of three thousand square feet or less in neighborhood retail zones. Additionally, a credit of three thousand square feet is provided for buildings with a floor area of five thousand square feet or less. This approach balances the need for parking requirements for large developments while focusing reductions at small scale, neighborhood serving establishments.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY: This is a citywide zoning amendment that applies in 72 areas currently zoned neighborhood retail in the City of Spokane. Please see attached map or visit <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/neighborhood-retail-parking-standards-update> for a project map.

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.
- 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 May 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. if they are intended to alter the DNS.

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: April 29, 2015 **Signature:**  _____

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.

Environmental Checklist

File No. Revisions to
Parking and Loading
Standards SMC 17.230

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, if applicable: An ordinance amending Section 17C.230, Parking and Loading of the Spokane Municipal Code. This is a non-project action.
2. Name of applicant: City of Spokane
3. Address and phone number of applicant or contact person: Planning & Development Services, 3rd Floor, Spokane City Hall, 808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201-3329, (509) 625-6300. Contact Person: Boris Borisov, Assistant Planner
4. Date checklist prepared: February 19, 2015
5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Spokane
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): A Plan Commission hearing on this proposal is scheduled to take place in spring of 2015. The amendment must be approved by City Council and signed by the Mayor to be adopted.
7.
 - a. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. No.
 - 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 his proposal. None that is directly related to this proposal.
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. Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. None. This is a non-project action. The proposed amendments will be need to be approved by the Plan Commission, City Council and signed by the Mayor.
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. An ordinance amending Section 17C.230, Parking and Loading of the Spokane Municipal Code. This amendment provides updated parameters for parking requirements in Neighborhood Retail (NR) zones. These zones are small commercial areas with historic roots as local community or "streetcar" business locations. A total

of 72 Neighborhood Retail zoned areas currently exist within the City of Spokane. This proposal seeks to reduce barriers to redevelopment by reducing parking requirements for Neighborhood Retail zones which are small and neighborhood serving. The proposal retains existing parking requirements but gives a parking exemption for existing, new, or building additions with a floor area of three thousand square feet or less. Additionally, a credit of three thousand square feet is provided for buildings with a floor area of five thousand square feet or less. This approach balances the need for parking requirements for large developments while focusing reductions at small scale, neighborhood serving establishments. Finally, this proposal extends a parking exemption for existing buildings with a floor area of three thousand square feet or less in the center and corridor and downtown zones.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information to 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. This proposal applies to property zoned Neighborhood Retail (NR), Centers and Corridors Types 1, 2, 3, and 4 (CC1, CC2, CC3, CC4), and Downtown Zones (DTC, DTG, DTU, DTS) within the corporate limits of the City of Spokane.

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? Yes, this proposal is city-wide; all of the above (See: Spokane County's ASA Overlay Zone Atlas for boundaries.)

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. Systems designed for stormwater disposal will be included in new development projects. These are reviewed on a project basis and mitigated as required under SMC Section 17D.060.

(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

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

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1. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one): *flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountains, other.* This is a city-wide, non-project action; there is a variety of topography within the City of Spokane.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? This is a city-wide, non-project action; slope varies city-wide.

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 prime farmland. Not applicable. This is a city-wide, 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 city-wide, non-project action;
- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill: There are no fills or grading proposed directly related to this proposal, this is a non-project action.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. There should not be any erosion directly related to this proposal, as this is a non-project action. Impacts are project based and will be evaluated on a project-by-project basis.
- 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. Any parking requirements resulting from this proposal will be required to be paved.
- 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

- b. What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial, wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. Construction of required accesses and other infrastructure required as conditions of approval, if any, and other development permitted by the zoning code will generate emissions to the air. Impacts will be evaluated as projects are proposed.
- c. 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: This specific proposal contains no provisions to reduce or control emissions as this is a non-project action.

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3. Water

a. SURFACE:

- (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. This is a city-wide, non-project action. Latah Creek and the Spokane River flow through the boundaries of the City of Spokane.
- (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 as 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. There is no fill or dredge material that is proposed to be placed or removed in relation to this proposal, this is a non-project action. The development standards of the Shorelines Master Program (SMP) and the Title 17E.070 (wetlands) of the SMC regulate the filling and dredging of surface water and wetlands and future projects will be required to adhere to these standards
- (4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No, this proposal will not require surface water withdrawals or diversions. 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 as 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. No, this proposal does not involve any discharge of water materials to surface waters. This is a non-project action.

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b. GROUND:

- (1) Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No, this proposal does not

involve any discharge of water materials to surface waters.
This is a non-project action.

- (2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sanitary waste treatment facility. Describe the general size of the system, the number of houses to be served (if applicable) or the number of persons the system(s) are expected to serve. Not applicable, this is a non-project action. All development within affected zones are served by city sewer.

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.

- d. PROPOSED MEASURES to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any. I
The provisions of SMC 17D.060 Stormwater Facilities regulate stormwater and require appropriate on-site storage and disposal. New development is reviewed under these regulations and required to build appropriate stormwater facilities that meet these regulatory requirements.

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle type of vegetation found on the site:

_____ Deciduous tree: *alder, maple, aspen, other.*

_____ Evergreen tree: *fir, cedar, pine, other.*

_____ Shrubs

_____ Grass

_____ Pasture

_____ Crop or grain

_____ Wet soil plants, *cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other.*

_____ Water plants: *water lilly, eelgrass, milfoil, other.*

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_____ Other types of vegetation.

Not applicable as this is a non-project action.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? No vegetation is proposed to be removed or altered as part of this proposal, this is a non-project action.
- c. List threatened or 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.

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site 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: _____

- b. List any threatened or endangered 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:

The provisions of Spokane Municipal Code Section 17E.020 Fish and Wildlife Habitat contain development standards for the protection of animals listed as threatened, endangered and priority species.

6. Energy and natural resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, 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. New development in the affected zones could use any combination of electric, natural gas, wood stove, and/or solar to meet energy needs.

- 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:

The parking reductions for small scale, neighborhood serving retail may reduce dependence on driving and vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Providing services within neighborhoods that are convenient to and meet the needs of neighborhood residents encourages walking and can further decrease the need for driving.

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. No, this proposal is a non-project action and should not directly increase the risk of any of these hazards.

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

(2) 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. New development could create construction noise as redevelopment occurs with the affected geographic area. Any such noise will be subject to the provisions of SMC 10.0D Noise Control

(3) Proposed measure to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: Noise is regulated under SMC 10.D Noise Control. This section of the Spokane Municipal Code outlines maximum permissible environmental sound levels by zone type (residential, commercial, office, retail, industrial, etc). Any projects within the affected geographic area will be subject to these standards.

8. Land and shoreline use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?
Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. 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? This is a non-project action and as such, demolition of structures is not being proposed. Structures could be demolished as part of normal redevelopment activity.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? The affected geographic areas are zoned Neighborhood Retail (NR), Centers and Corridors Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 (CC1, CC2, CC3, CC4) and Downtown zones (DTC, DTG, DTU, DTS).

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? The Comprehensive Land Use Map designation for Neighborhood Retail Zones include Neighborhood Retail Use and Neighborhood Mini-Center designations. Areas zoned CC1 and CC2 are designated CC Core on the City's Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map. CC3 is an overlay and has a mix of underlying Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map designations. CC4 areas are designated CC Transition on the Land Use Plan Map. Downtown zones Core, General, University, and South (DTC, DTG, DTU, and DTS) have a downtown Land Use Map Designation.
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? Not applicable.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area? 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: This is a non-project action which does not change existing land use plan map designations or zoning categories. These changes are in harmony with existing Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies.

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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.

- d. 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? This is a non-project action and does not include the construction of buildings.
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? This is a non-project action and does not include the construction of buildings which could alter views in the immediate vicinity.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

11. Light and Glare

- a. 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.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? Not applicable, this is non-project action
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. Not applicable, this is 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 non-project action.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe. Not applicable, this is non-project action.
- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic archaeological, scientific or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site. Not applicable, this is non-project action.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any: Not applicable, this is non-project action.

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14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. This is a non-project action that does not propose new streets.
- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? Not applicable, this is non-project action. Many of the Neighborhood Retail Zones have historic roots as local community or "streetcar" business locations. Some of these are serviced by public transit.
- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? This is a non-project action and won't directly remove any parking spaces. The proposal does provide for updated parameters for parking requirements in Neighborhood Retail (NR) zones. The proposal retains existing parking requirements but gives a parking exemption for existing, new, or building additions with a floor area of three thousand square feet or less. Additionally, a credit of three thousand square feet is provided for buildings with a floor area of five thousand square feet or less. This approach balances the need for parking requirements for large developments while focusing reductions at small scale, neighborhood serving establishments. Finally, this proposal extends a parking exemption for existing buildings with a floor area less than three thousand square feet in the center and corridors and downtown zones.
- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets not including

driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). This is a non-project action and will not require any new roads, streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets.

- e. Will the project 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? If known, indicate when peak would occur. Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

(Note: to assist in review and if known indicate vehicle trips during PM peak, AM Peak and Weekday (24 hours).)

- g. 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, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. This proposal is a non-project action and does not directly increase the need for fire, police, health care or school services.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any: Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: *electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.* Affected zones are fully served with urban utilities.

- 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 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: 2/19/2015 Signature: _____

Please Print or Type:

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Staff member(s) reviewing checklist: _____

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?
The proposal would not directly increase discharge to water, emissions to air, the production and storage of toxic or hazardous substances or noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:
No such measures are included in this proposal.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life? This proposal is unlikely to directly affect plants and animals

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are: No measures are proposed to specifically address the conservation of plants and animals in this proposal. However, the Spokane Municipal Code includes standards related to protection of critical areas and habitat.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? The proposed code amendments will not directly affect energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: The proposal does not directly address energy and natural resource conservation.

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?

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: This proposal will not directly affect environmentally sensitive areas. If the amendments adopted will apply to new development, the new development will be subject to the critical area standards of the Spokane Municipal Code.

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 amendments are intended to implement the policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Development approved under the proposed amendments are required to meet the development regulations adopted under the Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: No additional measures are proposed.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? This proposal is unlikely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: Any development proposals would individually go through the SEPA process and would be required to mitigate impacts on transportation or public services and utilities.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. The proposal should not conflict with local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

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* may withdraw any Determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: February 19, 2015

Signature: _____

Please Print or Type:

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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 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.