MEMO

Date:    March 24, 2021
To:      Spokane City Council
From:    Amanda Beck, AICP, Assistant Planner
         Planning Services Department
Re:      Revisions to Ordinance C36024 Following Testimony at 3/22 First Reading

On Monday, March 22, 2021 public testimony was given by Nicolette Ocheltree asking City staff to verify and update a cross-reference to the Spokane Municipal Code Noise Control Chapter (10.08D) in relation to the proposed text amendment of section 17C.220.060, Noise.

Staff Revisions
In response to public input, staff reviewed the referenced sections of the code to determine if this would remain a minor change, as originally drafted. Staff recommends the below proposed revisions as they do not alter the intent of the section. Referencing Chapter 10.08D the cross-reference in section 17C.220.060 ensures any regulations related to noise in Chapter 10.08D are applicable. A revised Ordinance C36024 reflecting this new language was filed with the City Clerk and is reflected in the agenda packet.

Section 17C.220.060 Noise
The City noise standards are stated in SMC 10.08.020, (Public Disturbance Noise) Noise Control. In addition, the department of ecology has standards that apply to environments within which maximum permissible noise levels are established.
Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of: 03/22/2021

Date Rec'd: 3/5/2021

Clerk's File #: ORD C36024

Renews #: Cross Ref #

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Agenda Item Type: First Reading Ordinance

Agenda Item Name: 0650 - SPOKANE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 17C AMENDMENT

Agenda Wording

An Ordinance to amend the Spokane Municipal Code, sections 17C.110.100 Residential Zone Primary Uses, 17C.124.110 Limited Use Standards, and 17C.220.060 Off-site Impacts.

Summary (Background)

The proposed amendments are part of a series of five City-initiated minor amendments intended to respond to needed corrections, changing conditions, and improvements to the Spokane Municipal Code. The amendments to Title 17C include corrections of typos, clarifying language, and updating cross-references. Collectively, the proposed changes to the SMC are categorically exempt under WAC 197-11-800 (19).

Lease? NO Grant related? NO Public Works? NO

Fiscal Impact

Neutral $ Select $ Select $ Select $

Budget Account

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Approvals

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SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL:

March 29, 2021

CITY CLERK
City Council Urban Experience Briefing Paper  
Spokane Municipal Code Maintenance Project - Phase I  
January 11, 2021

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Background
The 2020 Unified Development Code (UDC) Maintenance Project is a list of proposals for changes to some Titles in the Spokane Municipal Code (SMC). These are most often proposed by city staff over time. The Maintenance project purpose is to respond to needed corrections, changing conditions, and the potential for improvements for all users.

- First overall maintenance effort undertaken and adopted since 2015.
- Various SMC Titles are included, but primarily Title 17.
- Periodic maintenance of the SMC is intended to aid the public in preparing applications for development and reviews by staff relying on code citations and the enforcement of same.
- This proposal is Phase I of a multi-phase effort for overall maintenance of the SMC. This is not proposing new code but is a general housekeeping for documented issues.
- Phase I consists of minor corrections.
- Phase I proposed amendments are categorically exempt from State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) as stated in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Procedural Actions 197-11-800(19)(a)(b).

Categorization of proposed Maintenance Amendments
Minor: These include corrections to cross references to repealed or renumbered sections in Titles; an example is the recent repeal of sections of chapter 11.19 that remain in Title 17 SMC. In some cases, redundant phrasing, or inaccurate word choice without changing meaning or substance are also categorized as minor.

Later phases anticipated in 2021 are the next two categories, CLARIFICATION and SUBSTANTIVE.
**Clarification:** These include changes such as fixing conflicting provisions within the code or fixing code provisions that were either oversights or mistakes when the code was adopted.

**Substantive:** These include changes such as adjusting permitted uses, adjusting a development standard, or improving the practical application of the code.

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### Executive Summary

This update is for Phase I of the Unified Development Code Cleanup. This code maintenance project was reviewed at the September 23 and November 11, 2020 Plan Commission workshops. A Plan Commission hearing is scheduled for January 13, 2021. The online project page can be viewed here: https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2020-2021-unified-development-code-maintenance/

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### Budget Impact:

- Approved in current year budget? □ Yes □ No □ N/A
- Annual/Reoccurring expenditure? □ Yes □ No □ N/A

If new, specify funding source:

Other budget impacts: (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)

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### Operations Impact:

- Consistent with current operations/policy? □ Yes □ No □ N/A
- Requires change in current operations/policy? □ Yes □ No □ N/A

Specify changes required: Legislative repeal action.

Known challenges/barriers: None.

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### Attachments:

- Code Maintenance Table of Contents and Review Guide
- Draft Ordinance
Unified Development Code (SMC) Maintenance Project 2020
PHASE I - Review Guide
December 29, 2020

Introduction
The attached document represents a list of proposed amendments to the Spokane Municipal Code collected by City staff since 2015 and now proposed for amendments. SMC Maintenance will be phased; this is Phase I. To help understand the types of changes that are recommended, proposed maintenance amendments have historically been categorized under three types.

The three types are:

Minor: These include changes such as corrections to cross references to a repealed section of SMC. For example, repealed sections of chapter 11.19 found in Title 17. Other types of changes include striking redundant phrasing, obsolete code due to state changes, or providing more accurate process description without changing meaning or substance.

Clarification: These include changes such as fixing conflicting provisions within the code or fixing code provisions that were either oversights or mistakes when the code was adopted.

Substantive: These include changes such as adjusting permitted uses, adjusting a development standard, or improving the practical application of the code.

Phase I of the UDC Title 17 Maintenance Project consists of Minor changes and is scheduled for Plan Commission Hearing January 13, 2021, after previous review in September and November 2020.

Table of Contents
Phase I Code Maintenance - sections of code proposed for minor amendments

1. SMC 04.13.015(E) Administrative Agencies and Procedures; Design Review Board
2. SMC 17C.110.100(B) & (C) Residential Zones; Residential Zones Primary Uses; Limited Uses (L) and Conditional Uses (CU)
3. SMC 17C.124.110 (A)(7)(a) Downtown Zones; Limited Use Standards; Industrial Limitation
4. SMC 17C.220.060 Land Use Standards; Off-site Impacts; Noise
5. SMC 17E.050.080 SEPA; Article III Categorical Exemptions & Threshold Determinations; Categorical Exemptions-Applicability; Appendix B C33583
6. SMC 17F.010.050(A)(1) Notice of Hearing

7. SMC 17F.040.140(A) Awnings

8. SMC 17G.040.040(B) Administration and Procedures; Design Review Board Administration and Procedures; Design Review Criteria

9. SMC 17G.060.020(A)(3) Administration and Procedures; Land Use Application Procedures; Director of Planning Services

10. SMC 17G.060.070(B)(5)(c) Administration and Procedures; Land Use Applications; Application Requirements; PUD

11. SMC 17G.070.220(A) Planned Unit Developments; Vesting

12. SMC 17G.080.070(C)(5) Administration and Procedures; Subdivisions; Subdivision Design Standards; Design of Lots & Blocks

04.13.015 (E) Administrative Agencies and Procedures; Design Review Board

Strikethrough “development and amend with “design” in both locations in this clause (E).

Section 04.13.015 Design Review Board

Purpose.
The design review board is hereby established to:

A. improve communication and participation among developers, neighbors, and the City early in the design and siting of new development subject to design review under the Spokane Municipal Code;

B. ensure that projects subject to design review under the Spokane Municipal Code are consistent with adopted design guidelines and help implement the City’s comprehensive plan;

C. advocate for the aesthetic quality of Spokane’s public realm;

D. encourage design and site planning that responds to context, enhances pedestrian characteristics, considers sustainable design practices, and helps make Spokane a desirable place to live, work, and visit;

E. provide flexibility in the application of (development) design standards as allowed through (development) design standard departures; and

F. ensure that public facilities and projects within the City’s right-of-way:
   1. wisely allocate the City’s resources,
   2. serve as models of design quality.

• Type of code amendment: Minor
**17C.110.100 (B) and (C)  Residential Zones; Residential Zones Primary Uses; Limited Uses (L) and Conditional Uses (CU)**

Amend “Design Criteria” to “Decision Criteria”

**Section 17C.110.100  Residential Zone Primary Uses**

A. Permitted Uses (P). Uses permitted in the residential zones are listed in **Table 17C.110-1** with a "P." These uses are allowed if they comply with the development standards and other standards of this chapter.

B. Limited Uses (L). Uses permitted that are subject to limitations are listed in **Table 17C.110-1** with an "L." These uses are allowed if they comply with the limitations as listed in the footnotes following the table and the development standards and other standards of this chapter. In addition, a use or development listed in **SMC 17C.320.080**, ((Design Criteria)) **Decision Criteria**, is also subject to the standards of this chapter. The paragraphs listed below contain the limitations and correspond with the bracketed [ ] footnote numbers from **Table 17C.110-1**.

C. Conditional Uses (CU). Uses that are allowed if approved through the conditional use review process are listed in **Table 17C.110-1** with a "CU." These uses are allowed provided they comply with the conditional use approval criteria for that use, the development standards and other standards of this chapter. Uses listed with a "CU" that also have a footnote number in the table are subject to the standards cited in the footnote. In addition, a use or development listed in **SMC 17C.320.080**, ((Design Criteria)) **Decision Criteria**, is also subject to the standards of this chapter. The conditional use review process and approval criteria are stated in **chapter 17C.320 SMC**, Conditional Uses

**Discussion: Consistency: Chapter 17C.320 Conditional Uses, Section 17C.320.080 is titled “Decision Criteria”**

- Type of code amendment: **Minor**

**17C.124.110 (A) (7) (a)  Downtown Zones; Limited Use Standards; Industrial Limitation**

Strike one of the redundant phrases “Limited industrial uses are allowed.” “Only limited industrial uses are allowed.”

7. Industrial Limitation.

This regulation applies to all parts of **Table 17C.124-1** that have a [7]. These types of uses are limited to assure that they will not dominate the downtown area and to limit their potential impacts on residential and commercial uses. In addition, if the planning director determines that the proposed use will not be able to comply with the off-site impact standards of **chapter 17C.220 SMC**, the planning director may require documentation that the development will be modified to conform with the standards.

a. **Limited industrial uses are allowed.** ((Only limited industrial uses are allowed.)) Industrial uses more intensive than the limited industrial definition are not allowed.

- Type of code amendment: **Minor**

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17C.220.060  Land Use Standards; Off-site Impacts; Noise
Amend cross reference from SMC 10.08.020 Public Disturbance Noise (repealed) to SMC 10.08D.090, Public Disturbance Noise.

The City noise standards are stated in (SMC 10.08.030) SMC 10.08D, Public Disturbance Noise. In addition, the department of Ecology has standards that apply to environments within which maximum permissible noise levels are established.

- Type of code amendment: Minor

17E.050.080  SEPA; Article III Categorical Exemptions & Threshold Determinations; Categorical Exemptions-Applicability; Appendix B C33583
Replace the term “special use permit” with conditional use permit terminology in Appendix B.

APPENDIX "B"
SMC 17E.050.080
SMC 17E.050.230
(ORD C33583)

SEPA EXEMPTION LEVELS MATRIX (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)
The following matrix serves for informational purposes only and should be interpreted as law. Departments may administratively update this matrix for informational purposes. See Washington Administrative Code (WAC) chapter 197-11. 4 visions set forth in this ordinance for specific SEPA exemption rules and regulations.

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Discussion: Amend to conditional use code terminology/citation for consistency. This can be done administratively per the matrix heading paragraph.

Type of code amendment: Minor

17F.010.050 (A) (1)  Notice of Hearing
Strikethrough cross reference to SMC section 11.11 and department of neighborhood services and code enforcement (repealed). Amend department title to current Developer Services Center.

Section 17F.010.050 Notice of Hearing
A. Existing Building and Conservation Code.
   1. ((Pursuant to chapter 11.11 SMC, notice of hearing.)) Notice of hearing by the building official is given by ((the department of neighborhood services and code enforcement)) the Developer Services Center in the complaint which is:
      a. served personally or by certified mail with return receipt, or if the whereabouts of a person to be served cannot be ascertained, by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper, upon all persons having a record interest in the subject property; and
      b. posted on the subject property; and
      c. filed in the manner of a lis pendens in the office of the Spokane County auditor.

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2. Personal service, service by certified mail and filing in the auditor's office are between ten and thirty days before the hearing. Posting and first publication are between fifteen and thirty days before the hearing.

3. Notice of the public hearing of the hearing examiner on an appeal from the order of the building official is given by the office of the hearing examiner by personally serving on, or mailing to, the appellant and all persons having a record interest who have not disclaimerd all interest, notice at least ten days prior to the hearing.

B. Effect of Notice.

The notice provisions of this chapter are not jurisdictional or exclusive. The failure of any person to receive notice under this section does not affect the validity of any hearing under this chapter. This section is subject to any specific notice provisions of state and federal law. This section does not prevent any City agency from adopting further provisions for notice by rule or preclude other methods of notice.

- Type of code amendment: Minor

17F.040.140 (A) Awnings

Delete 17F.040.140(A). IBC removed fixed awnings over a doorway to the building.

Chapter 17F.040 Building Code
Section 17F.040.140 Awnings

In addition to the requirements of IBC Section 3105, these provisions apply:

A. (A fixed awning not more than ten feet in length may be erected over a doorway to the building.)

Discussion: This clause is obsolete due to updates in the IBC. The rest of this section remains intact and is supported by the reference to the IBC.

- Type of code amendment: Minor

17G.040.040 (B) Administration and Procedures; Design Review Board Administration and Procedures; Design Review Criteria

Chapter 17G.040 Design Review Board Administration and Procedures
Section 17G.040.040 Design Review Criteria

Design Review Criteria.

The board shall base its review, report, and/or recommendation on the following criteria:

A. The requirements, guidelines, and applicable provisions of Title 17 SMC that apply to the property in question including all additional zoning regulations which may apply to the use or to its area by provision for overlay district, or made applicable by any conditional use or variance approval.

B. (A summary of the design guidelines adopted by the City is found in the) The Design Review Application Handbook, outlining the design review process, with application forms and submission checklists, is on file in the planning department.

C. Design guidelines adopted by the City are on file in the planning department.
17G.060.020 (A) (3) Administration and Procedures; Land Use Application Procedures; Director of Planning Services
Strikethrough Division B, Division C. Amend to Title 17B, Title 17C. Strikethrough cross-reference to chapter 11.15 SMC, chapter 11.17 SMC, chapter 11.19 SMC (repealed).

**Section 17G.060.020** Administration
A. Responsibility for the administration, application and interpretation of these procedures pursuant to this ordinance is as is set forth below:

1. The director of building services or his designee is responsible for chapter 17E.050 SMC, Division F; chapter 17G.010 SMC, Division I; and the development codes.

2. The director of engineering services or his designee is responsible for chapter 17D.020 SMC, chapter 17D.070 SMC, chapter 17E.010 SMC, chapter 17E.050 SMC, chapter 17G.080 SMC, Division H and the development codes.

3. The director of planning services or his designee is responsible for SMC (Division B, Division C) Title 17B and Title 17C and (chapter 11.15 SMC, chapter 11.17 SMC, chapter 11.19 SMC) chapter 17D.010 SMC, chapter 17D.060 SMC, chapter 17D.080 SMC, chapter 17D.090 SMC, chapter 17E.020 SMC, chapter 17E.030 SMC, chapter 17E.040 SMC, chapter 17E.050 SMC, chapter 17E.060 SMC, chapter 17E.070 SMC, chapter 17G.020 SMC, chapter 17G.030 SMC, chapter 17G.040 SMC, chapter 17G.060 SMC, chapter 17G.070 SMC and chapter 17G.080 SMC

**17G.060.070(B)(5)(c)** Administration and Procedures; Land Use Applications; Application Requirements; PUD
Strikethrough cross-reference to chapter 11.19 (repealed) Amend with cross-reference to chapter 17C.110 and 17G.070.

5. PUD.
   a. Profiles of any structures more than one story, shown in relation to finished grade.
   b. Location, dimension, and boundary of proposed open space.
   c. Site plan demonstrating compliance with chapter 17C.110 and chapter 17G.070 including signs, off-street parking, structure height, building coverage, yards, density, screening, buffering, and lighting.

**Type of code amendment: Minor**
development and other land use control ordinances contained in [(Title 14 SMC and)] Title 17 SMC of the Spokane Municipal Code, and any uncodified ordinances modifying the same, in effect on the date a concept plan application has been deemed fully complete by the City. For the purposes of this section, a vested concept plan application shall mean that the applicant is entitled to implement the planned unit development or any portion of it described in the application under the zoning, development and land use ordinances applied by the City in its review of the planned unit development application.

- Type of code amendment: Minor

17G.080.070 (C) (5) Administration and Procedures; Subdivisions; Subdivision Design Standards; Design of Lots & Blocks

Strikethrough SMC 11.19.366; amend with insertion of SMC 17G.070.

Chapter 17G.080 Subdivisions

Section 17G.080.070 Subdivision Design Standards

C. Design of Lots and Blocks.

1. The length, width and shape of blocks shall be designed with due regard to providing adequate building sites for the use contemplated; consideration of the needs for convenient access, circulation, control, safety of the street traffic, provision for utilities and recognition of limitations and opportunities of topography.

2. Blocks shall be recognized as closed polygons, bordered by street right-of-way lines, addition lines or a combination of the two, unless an alley is desired, in which case a block may be comprised of two closed polygons separated by the adjoining alley.

3. Blocks shall ordinarily be sufficient to allow for two tiers of lots of depths sufficient to meet the underlying zone. Double-frontage lots should be avoided.

4. All plat lots shall begin with lot one block one and shall be numbered consecutively by lots and blocks, provided that for plats sequenced by phasing, and which adjoin a previously recorded phase of the approved preliminary plat, lots may continue with lot one and the next consecutively sequenced block number. Lots from one plat shall not cross plat boundaries into another plat.

5. Lot widths, lot areas and frontage upon a public street (or private street within a PUD or binding site plan) shall conform to the underlying zone. For PUDs the hearing examiner may adjust the standards of the underlying zone subject to the provisions of [(SMC 11.19.366)] SMC 17G.070 and for binding site plans the director may adjust the standards of the underlying zone subject to provision of SMC 17G.060.170(D)(4). Corner lots shall be designed to ensure setbacks are met from both streets. Lots shall be as nearly rectangular as possible with side lot lines approximately at right angles or radial to street lines.

6. Lots shall not be divided by the boundary of any zoning designation or public right-of-way.
7. Where a lot is plotted into one acre or more in size, the director may require an arrangement of the lot such as to permit a subsequent redivision in conformity with plans adopted by the City.

- Type of code amendment: Minor
ORDINANCE NO. C36024


WHEREAS, the Planning Department and Plan Commission engage in ongoing review and amendments, as needed, to the City’s Unified Development Code, which is codified at Title 17 of the Spokane Municipal Code (the “UDC”); and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing, the Plan Commission recently recommended approval of a number of minor amendments to the UDC, following the procedures set forth in SMC 17G.025.010; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Plan Commission hearing, staff requested comments from agencies and departments and the required public notices were published in the Spokesman Review on December 30, 2020, January 6, February 10, and February 17, 2021. The proposed UDC amendments were available for public review on the Planning and Development Services website on https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2020-2021-unified-development-code-maintenance/; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission held several workshop sessions to study the proposed UDC amendments; and

WHEREAS, this action is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) RCW 43.21 as stated in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Procedural Actions 197-11-800(19)(a)(b); and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020 the Washington State Department of Commerce and appropriate state agencies were given the required 60-day notice before adoption of proposed changes to the UDC; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission held a public hearing on February 24, 2021 to obtain public comments on the proposed UDC amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission reviewed all public testimony received during the public hearings and made appropriate changes to the draft UDC amendments during its deliberations; and

WHEREAS, consistent with SMC 17G.025.010, the Plan Commission found (i) that the proposed UDC amendments are consistent with applicable provisions of the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan, and (ii) that the proposed UDC amendments bear a substantial relation to public health, safety, welfare, and protection of the environment; and
WHEREAS, the Plan Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendations Regarding the Unified Development Code Maintenance Project – Phase 1, together with the Plan Commission's entire files relating to the same, are hereby incorporated into this ordinance.

Now, Therefore, The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That SMC section 17C.110.100 is amended to read as follows:

17C.110.100 Residential Zones; Residential Zone Primary Uses; Uses (L) and Conditional Uses (CU).

Section 17C.110.100 Residential Zone Primary Uses

A. Permitted Uses (P). Uses permitted in the residential zones are listed in Table 17C.110-1 with a "P." These uses are allowed if they comply with the development standards and other standards of this chapter.

B. Limited Uses (L). Uses permitted that are subject to limitations are listed in Table 17C.110-1 with an "L." These uses are allowed if they comply with the limitations as listed in the footnotes following the table and the development standards and other standards of this chapter. In addition, a use or development listed in SMC 17C.320.080, ([Design Criteria]) Decision Criteria, is also subject to the standards of this chapter. The paragraphs listed below contain the limitations and correspond with the bracketed [] footnote numbers from Table 17C.110-1.

C. Conditional Uses (CU). Uses that are allowed if approved through the conditional use review process are listed in Table 17C.110-1 with a "CU." These uses are allowed provided they comply with the conditional use approval criteria for that use, the development standards and other standards of this chapter. Uses listed with a "CU" that also have a footnote number in the table are subject to the standards cited in the footnote. In addition, a use or development listed in SMC 17C.320.080, ([Design Criteria]) Decision Criteria, is also subject to the standards of this chapter. The conditional use review process and approval criteria are stated in chapter 17C.320 SMC, Conditional Uses.

D. Uses Not Permitted (N). Uses listed in Table 17C.110-1 with an "N" are not permitted. Existing uses in categories listed as not permitted are subject to the standards of chapter 17C.210 SMC, Nonconforming Situations.

Section 2. That SMC section 17C.124.110 is amended to read as follows:

17C.124.110 Downtown Zones; Limited Use Standards; Industrial Limitation.

Section 17C.124.110 Limited Use Standards

A. The paragraphs listed below contain the limitations and correspond with the bracketed [] footnote numbers from Table 17C.124-1.

1. Group Living.
This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [1].

a. General Standards.
   All group living uses except for alternative or post-incarceration facilities are allowed by right.

b. Alternative or Post Incarceration Facilities.
   Group living uses which consist of alternative or post incarceration facilities are conditional uses.

2. Adult Business.
   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [2]. Adult businesses are subject to the additional standards of chapter 17C.305 SMC.

3. Commercial Parking.
   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [3]. See SMC 17C.230.310 for the parking structure design guidelines. See SMC 17C.124.340, Parking and Loading, for ground level parking structure use standards.
   a. New standalone surface commercial parking lots are not allowed as the primary use within the area shown on Map 17C.124-M1, Surface Parking Limited Area. Within the area shown on Map 17C.124-M1, standalone commercial parking as a primary use must be located entirely within a parking structure.

4. Drive-through Facility.
   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [4]. Drive-through facilities are subject to the additional standards of SMC 17C.124.290.

5. Quick Vehicle Servicing.
   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [5]. Quick vehicle servicing uses are permitted only on sites that have frontage on a Type III or IV complete street. Quick vehicle servicing uses must be fully contained within a structure. Quick vehicle servicing uses are subject to the additional standards of SMC 17C.124.290.

6. Retail Sales and Services Uses Motorized Vehicle Limitation.
   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [6]. Sale, rental, or leasing of motor vehicles, including passenger vehicles, light and medium trucks is not allowed. Sale, rental, and leasing of motorcycles and other recreational vehicles not able to be licensed for normal on street use is allowed. For sale or leasing of motorcycles and other recreational vehicles see SMC 17C.124.270, Outdoor Activities.

7. Industrial Limitation.
   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [7]. These types of uses are limited to assure that they will not dominate the downtown area and to limit their potential impacts on residential and commercial uses. In addition, if the planning director determines that the proposed use will not be
able to comply with the off-site impact standards of chapter 17C.220 SMC, the planning director may require documentation that the development will be modified to conform with the standards.

a. Limited industrial uses are allowed. (Only limited industrial uses are allowed.) Industrial uses more intensive than the limited industrial definition are not allowed.

b. Industrial buildings and industrial sites are subject to the same design standards as commercial buildings and commercial sites.

   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have an [8]. See SMC 17C.124.340.

   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have an [9]. Mini-storage facilities are subject to the additional standards of chapter 17C.350 SMC, Mini-storage Facilities.

10. Outdoor Activity Limitation.
    This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [10]. Outdoor display, storage, or use of industrial equipment or other industrial items such as tools, equipment, vehicles, products, materials, or other objects that are part of or used for the business operation is prohibited.

    This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [11]. Most community service uses are allowed by right.

    See chapter 17C.355A SMC.

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PASSED by the City Council on March 29, 2021.

Council President

Attest: 

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Mayor

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CITY OF SPOKANE
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CITY OF SPOKANE PLAN COMMISSION
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS
REGARDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE MAINTENANCE PROJECT - PHASE I


FINDINGS OF FACT:

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H. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on February 24 to obtain public input on the proposed amendments, if any.

CONCLUSIONS:

A. The Plan Commission has reviewed all public testimony received during the public hearing.

B. The Plan Commission finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with applicable provisions of the comprehensive plan and that the proposed amendments bear a substantial relation to the public health, safety, welfare, and protection of the environment.

RECOMMENDATION:

In the matter of the Unified Development Code Maintenance Project - Phase I, by unanimous vote, the Plan Commission recommends to the City Council the approval of the proposed amendment to the Spokane Municipal Code, as part of periodic maintenance of the Unified Development Code.

Todd Beyreuther, President
Spokane Plan Commission
February 26, 2021
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Todd Beyreuther, President
Spokane Plan Commission
February 26, 2021
CITY OF SPOKANE PLAN COMMISSION
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS
REGARDING THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM PERIODIC REVIEW

A recommendation of the City of Spokane Plan Commission to the City Council to approve the amendments to the Spokane Municipal Code proposed by the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review (SMP PR). The SMP PR proposed amending Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) Title 17A Administration, Chapter 17A.020 Definitions, Sections 17A.020.040(R)(2) "D" Definitions, and Section 17A.020.060(S) "F" Definitions, Title 17E, Chapter 17E.060, Article II, Part II sections 17E.060.110 and 17E.060.150, Article IV 17E.060.290, 17E.060.300, 17E.060.340, Article VI Part II 17E.060.690, Article VII Part II 17E.060.770, 17E.060.790, Article VIII 17E.060.800, 17E.060.810, 17E.060.820, 17E.060.830, 17E.060.840, and Article V Part III 17E.060.380.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

A. The Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Review (PR) 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.

B. 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.

C. The periodic review ensures the SMP keeps up with changes in state laws, changes in other local jurisdictions' plans and regulations, and other changed circumstances.

D. Shaping Spokane, the 2017 adopted City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan Chapter 3 Land Use policy 7.1, Regulatory Structure, supports regulations that are predictable, reliable, and adaptable to changing living and working arrangements brought about by technological advancements and Land Use policy 7.2 calls out a continuing review process to periodically re-evaluate and direct city policies and regulations consistent with chapter 3 Vision and Values.

E. 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 occurs during the state review process, however additional city review and comment periods have been provided. Comments provided to the City of Spokane are reviewed by both the City and Ecology.

F. Amendments to Title 17 are subject to review and recommendation by the Plan Commission.
G. A State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) 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.

H. 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.

I. 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.

J. Plan Commission hearing legal notices were published in the Spokesman-Review February 10, and February 17, 2021.

K. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on February 24 to obtain public input on the proposed amendments, if any.

CONCLUSIONS:

A. The Plan Commission has reviewed all public testimony received during the public hearing.

B. The Plan Commission finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with applicable provisions of the comprehensive plan and that the proposed amendments bear a substantial relation to the public health, safety, welfare, and protection of the environment.

RECOMMENDATION:

In the matter of the amendments to the Spokane Municipal Code proposed by the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review, by unanimous vote, the Plan Commission recommends to the City Council the approval of the proposed amendments to the Spokane Municipal Code, as mandated by the State of Washington Shoreline Management Act RCW 90.58 eight year cycle of review.
Todd Beyreuther, President
Spokane Plan Commission
March 3, 2021
ORDINANCE NO. C36024


WHEREAS, the Planning Department and Plan Commission engage in ongoing review and amendments, as needed, to the City’s Unified Development Code, which is codified at Title 17 of the Spokane Municipal Code (the “UDC”); and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing, the Plan Commission recently recommended approval of a number of minor amendments to the UDC, following the procedures set forth in SMC 17G.025.010; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Plan Commission hearing, staff requested comments from agencies and departments and the required public notices were published in the Spokesman Review on December 30, 2020, January 6, February 10, and February 17, 2021. The proposed UDC amendments were available for public review on the Planning and Development Services website on https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2020-2021-unified-development-code-maintenance/; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission held several workshop sessions to study the proposed UDC amendments; and

WHEREAS, this action is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) RCW 43.21 as stated in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Procedural Actions 197-11-800(19)(a)(b); and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020 the Washington State Department of Commerce and appropriate state agencies were given the required 60-day notice before adoption of proposed changes to the UDC; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission held a public hearing on February 24, 2021 to obtain public comments on the proposed UDC amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission reviewed all public testimony received during the public hearings and made appropriate changes to the draft UDC amendments during its deliberations; and

WHEREAS, consistent with SMC 17G.025.010, the Plan Commission found (i) that the proposed UDC amendments are consistent with applicable provisions of the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan, and (ii) that the proposed UDC amendments bear a substantial relation to public health, safety, welfare, and protection of the environment; and
WHEREAS, the Plan Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendations Regarding the Unified Development Code Maintenance Project - Phase 1, together with the Plan Commission's entire files relating to the same, are hereby incorporated into this ordinance.

Now, Therefore, The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That SMC section 17C.110.100 is amended to read as follows:

17C.110.100 Residential Zones; Residential Zone Primary Uses; Uses (L) and Conditional Uses (CU).

Section 17C.110.100 Residential Zone Primary Uses

A. Permitted Uses (P). Uses permitted in the residential zones are listed in Table 17C.110-1 with a "P." These uses are allowed if they comply with the development standards and other standards of this chapter.

B. Limited Uses (L). Uses permitted that are subject to limitations are listed in Table 17C.110-1 with an "L." These uses are allowed if they comply with the limitations as listed in the footnotes following the table and the development standards and other standards of this chapter. In addition, a use or development listed in SMC 17C.320.080, ((Design Criteria)) Decision Criteria, is also subject to the standards of this chapter. The paragraphs listed below contain the limitations and correspond with the bracketed [ ] footnote numbers from Table 17C.110-1.

C. Conditional Uses (CU). Uses that are allowed if approved through the conditional use review process are listed in Table 17C.110-1 with a "CU." These uses are allowed provided they comply with the conditional use approval criteria for that use, the development standards and other standards of this chapter. Uses listed with a "CU" that also have a footnote number in the table are subject to the standards cited in the footnote. In addition, a use or development listed in SMC 17C.320.080, ((Design Criteria)) Decision Criteria, is also subject to the standards of this chapter. The conditional use review process and approval criteria are stated in chapter 17C.320 SMC, Conditional Uses.

D. Uses Not Permitted (N). Uses listed in Table 17C.110-1 with an "N" are not permitted. Existing uses in categories listed as not permitted are subject to the standards of chapter 17C.210 SMC, Nonconforming Situations.

Section 2. That SMC section 17C.124.110 is amended to read as follows:

17C.124.110 Downtown Zones; Limited Use Standards; Industrial Limitation.

Section 17C.124.110 Limited Use Standards

A. The paragraphs listed below contain the limitations and correspond with the bracketed [] footnote numbers from Table 17C.124-1.

1. Group Living.
This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [1].

a. General Standards.
   All group living uses except for alternative or post-incarceration facilities are allowed by right.

b. Alternative or Post Incarceration Facilities.
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2. Adult Business.
   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [2]. Adult businesses are subject to the additional standards of chapter 17C.305 SMC.

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   a. New standalone surface commercial parking lots are not allowed as the primary use within the area shown on Map 17C.124-M1, Surface Parking Limited Area. Within the area shown on Map 17C.124-M1, standalone commercial parking as a primary use must be located entirely within a parking structure.

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   This regulation applies to all parts of Table 17C.124-1 that have a [7]. These types of uses are limited to assure that they will not dominate the downtown area and to limit their potential impacts on residential and commercial uses. In addition, if the planning director determines that the proposed use will not be
able to comply with the off-site impact standards of chapter 17C.220 SMC, the planning director may require documentation that the development will be modified to conform with the standards.

a. Limited industrial uses are allowed. (/Only limited industrial uses are allowed./) Industrial uses more intensive than the limited industrial definition are not allowed.

b. Industrial buildings and industrial sites are subject to the same design standards as commercial buildings and commercial sites.

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Spokane Municipal Code Amendment
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