SPOKANE ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE
NONPROJECT DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

FILE NO(S):  SMC 17C.120.310 & 17C.130.310 – An ordinance amending the Commercial and Industrial Fence Codes of the Spokane Municipal Code.

PROPOSANT:  City of Spokane, Planning & Development

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:  An ordinance amending Sections 17C.120.310, Commercial Zone Fences, and 17C.130.310, Industrial Zone Fences of the Spokane Municipal Code. This amendment will allow electric fences to be installed around non-residential outdoor storage areas in General Commercial (GC), Light Industrial (LI), and Heavy Industrial (HI) zones. This proposal allows businesses to protect their valuable equipment and products from theft through the installation of a low-voltage electric fence. Design requirements include height limits, battery voltage limits, a non-electrified perimeter fence and warning signs spaced sixty (60) feet apart on the exterior. For GC-zoned properties, a solid covering of the perimeter fence is required to further prevent contact with the electrified portion.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY:  This is a citywide zoning amendment that applies areas currently zoned General Commercial, Light and Heavy Industrial in the City of Spokane. Please see attached map or visit https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/electric-fence-text-amendment-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.

[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 February 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., if they are intended to alter the DNS.

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Responsible Official: Lisa Key

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

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

Date Issued: January 20, 2016  Signature: [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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