# State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

File No.	

# PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE CHECKLIST! Moody Townhomes, WCE 3040

# **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: <u>Moran Residential Community Planned Unit Development</u>

2. Applicant: Whipple Consulting Engineers, Inc.

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City/State/Zip: Spokane Valley, WA, 99206 Phone: (509) 893-2617

3. Agent or Primary Contact: <u>Todd R. Whipple, P.E.</u>

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4. Location of Project:

Address: 5216 S. Palouse Highway.

Section: <u>3</u> Quarter: <u>NW</u> Township: <u>24N</u> Range: <u>43E</u>

Tax Parcel Number(s): 34032.0401, 34032.0432, 34032.0607

5. Date checklist prepared: <u>August 23, 2022</u>

6. Agency requesting checklist: City of Spokane, Washington

7. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Construction to begin Spring-Summer 2023 or one to three months after preliminary plat approval. At the present time, there is no specific phasing plan other than seasonal; however, due to the nature of the proposal, this construction may be phased due to market conditions. If phased, phasing may include early grading, utility installation, portions of the onsite/offsite infrastructure and the platting in two or more phases.

8. a. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain:

At this time, there are no other planned additions, expansion or further activity related to or connected with this proposal.

b. Do you own or have options on land nearby or adjacent to this proposal? If yes, explain:

No, the property owner does not own or have options on land nearby or adjacent to this proposal.

- 9. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:
  - The following environmental information has been or will be prepared directly related to this proposal: SEPA

    Checklist, expanded Trip Generation and Distribution Letter or Traffic Impact Analysis, Concept Drainage

    Report, Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) and a Geotechnical Evaluation.
- 10. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain:
  No, there are no known applications pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by this proposal.
- 11. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known:

  This project will require approval or permit for the following: Preliminary PUD, Final PUD, SEPA, Building

  Permits, Water Plans, Sewer Plans, Storm Drainage Plans, Street Plans, UIC Registration, Street Permit,

  Utility Permit, Street Tree Plan, and Clean Air Permit. Other permits may be required that are currently unknown.
- 12. 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.

  This project proposes to subdivide three parcels into 96 single-family attached townhomes on 9.76 acres. This project will construct two public roads (Thor Street and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue), one private road (53<sup>rd</sup> Lane) and several alleys for vehicular access. This project will be served by public water and public sewer. This PUD will utilize walking paths and will be landscaped. This project may remove up to three lots for a clubhouse and pool.
- 13. 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.
  - This project is located at 5216 S. Palouse Highway on parcel numbers 34032.0401, 34032.0432 and 34032.0607, in the NW ¼ of Section 3, Township 24N, Range 43E., W.M. The proposal is north of 55<sup>th</sup>

Avenue, west of Freya Street and south of Palouse Highway; and directly adjacent to the intersection of Freya Street and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please see the legal descriptions on the preliminary plat.

14.	Does the proposed action lie within the Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)?	⊠Yes	□No
	The General Sewer Service Area?	⊠Yes	□No
	The Priority Sewer Service Area?	⊠Yes	□No
	The City of Spokane?	⊠Yes	□No

- 15. 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).

This proposal, laying in the high susceptibility area, will use stormwater disposal methods consistent with Spokane Regional Stormwater Manual (SRSM), which may include grassed percolation areas, evaporation ponds, L.I.D. Ponds, drywells, detention and/or retention ponds and gravel galleries depending upon soil types at the locations of the proposed facilities. The anticipated disposal rate will be appropriate for the design option chosen. Currently the volume of stormwater is unknown; however, because the system will follow the SRSM there will be a dead storage component of 0.5' to 1' or more in each swale or pond area that should limit direct discharge of items used in the home as well as firefighting activities.

(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?

After the development of the project, it would be expected that household volumes of these types of chemicals will be stored above ground in appropriately sized containers of less than 5 gallons.

During construction, no large volume of chemicals will be stored on site. If a pool is installed as part of this project, chemicals will be handled and stored in compliance with federal, state, and local law.

- (3) What protective measures will be taken to ensure 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.

  Applicable BMP's will be used during construction to contain any leaks or spills if they occur from vehicle refueling and oiling operations. After development, small household leaks or spills may occur and are anticipated to be handled prior to leaving any hard surface areas.
- (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?

  No large volumes of chemicals are anticipated to be stored onsite within the residential development, therefore there is no direct spill or leak risk to groundwater.

## b. Stormwater

1. Earth

- (1) What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)?

  Based on well logs in the area, depth to groundwater varies approximately 10 to 100 feet below grade. Bedrock varies but is present on the surface.
- (2) Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts.

  <u>Unknown at this time due to the varying nature of the site strata; however, if stormwater is discharged it will be as allowed per the SRSM, which requires treatment prior to discharge. No potential impacts are anticipated at this time.</u>

## **B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

a.	General description of the site (check one):				
	☐ Flat ☐ Rolling ☐ Hilly ☐ Steep slopes ☐ Mountainous				
	Other:				
b.	What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?				
	The steepest slope on site is approximately 3 percent.				

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.

According to a USDA NRCS soil report, the following soil types are found onsite:

7150–Urban land-Seaboldt, Disturbed Complex, 0 to 3 percent slopes

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- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

  There are no surface indications of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity; however, the City of Spokane

  GIS identifies erodible soils directly southwest of the site.
- 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.

  Proposed grading will be for the utilities, streets, lots and building pads. The grading would involve removal of organics, preparation of street subgrade and preparation of building pads. This will occur over the entire site. Although quantities are unknown at this time, we would anticipate the movement of approximately 20,000cyd to 30,000cyd of material onsite. No export or import is anticipated other than for road building materials such as crushed rock, pavement, etc...; however, if any import or export of materials is required it shall be from/to a preapproved source/destination and coordinated with the City of Spokane Development Services Center. Please take note that a separate grading application may be made at a later date as a phase of the noted project and should be considered a part of a consolidated permit process.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

  <u>Some minor localized erosion from wind and rain may occur during construction but would be mitigated using appropriate BMPs. No erosion would be expected from the use of the site as surfaces will be stabilized by paving, concrete, buildings, and landscaping.</u>
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt, or buildings)?
  The development of the site will have approximately 35% to 40% impervious coverage which includes roads, sidewalks, driveways and building construction.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth, if any:

  Erosion will be reduced and controlled using appropriate BMPs during construction and stabilization of disturbed soils by paving, concrete, buildings, and landscaping following construction.

## 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.

During construction, some fugitive dust could be expected, although the intent of the permits would be to control this instance through watering, hydroseeding, or other BMPs. Additionally, there will be exhaust fumes from construction equipment, etc. At the completion of construction air emissions may be from home appliances such as dryers and gas furnaces, exhaust from yard maintenance equipment, homeowner vehicles and personal entertainment activities such as barbecuing.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

There are no known off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect this proposal.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

<u>All site development shall comply with Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA), construction related requirements.</u>

### 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.
  - No, there are no surface water bodies on or in the immediate vicinity of the site.
- (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.
  - No, this project will not require work over, in, or within 200 feet of surface bodies of water.
- (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.
  - No fill or dredge materials are anticipated to be placed in or removed from the site.

- (4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? If yes, give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
  This proposal will not require surface water withdrawals or diversions.
- (5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. *This proposal does not lie within a 100-year floodplain.*
- (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 waste materials will be discharged to surface waters as the site will be connected to public sewer.

## 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.
  - No groundwater will be withdrawn from this site. All potable water used will be provided by the local purveyor (the City of Spokane) per their existing water right. The project's treated stormwater will be discharged to the underlying soils if possible and groundwater as allowed per the Spokane Regional Stormwater Manual (SRSM). A project specific storm drainage report will be provided when the project site is in the design process.
- (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.

  No water will be discharged via septic or other onsite systems. The subject site is in and will be served by the City of Spokane public sewer. The site is expected to serve approximately 260 (96\*2.7) people.

- 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.

The source of runoff from this site after completion of the PUD will be from the constructed elements of the PUD including but not limited to residences, streets, sidewalks, driveways, lawns open spaces, etc. The intent is to convey stormwater to catchments or pond areas to treat and discharge the treated stormwater as required by the SRSM to the underlying soils, via swales, ponds, drywells, retention and/or detention ponds, galleries, etc. Discharge is expected to be to the Hazel Creek basin. It should be expected that pre-developed flows will continue to be discharged in the manner that they exist today to downstream properties. It should be noted that some minor basin modifications to this site that will positively affect the downstream properties will occur as street and home construction intercept upslope water due to rainfall on roadways and be carried to stormwater facilities, it should be expected that generally stormwater will be intercepted, the project does retain the right to discharge the rate and volume of stormwater as calculated in the pre-developed condition, if need be.

- (2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. *Waste generated on site will be discharged via public sewer.*
- (3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.
  No; however, pre-developed flows are expected to continue to discharge in the manner that they exist today to downstream properties.
- d. PROPOSED MEASURES to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.

Per SMC section 17D.060.130, a portion of the project site north of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue alignment is located within the Moran Prairie Special Drainage District, an area associated with shallow groundwater, intermittent standing water, or steep slopes as defined in SMC 17A.020.190.BE.

As noted previously, the project will be developed following the requirements for stormwater as outlined in the SRSM. Additional measures, if any, will be added if required during the design and approval process with the City of Spokane and any other affected agencies, discharge may be to Hazel's Creek.

Pla a.	Check the type(s) of vegetation found on the site:						
	Deciduous trees:	☐ alder	☐ maple	aspen			
	Other:						
	Evergreen trees:	☐ fir	☐ cedar	pine pine			
	Other:						
	<b>⊠</b> shrubs	<b>X</b> grass	pasture	☐ crop or gra	iin		
	☐ orchards, viney	ards or other per	manent crops				
	Wet soil plants:	☐ cattail	☐ buttercup	☐ bullrush	skunk cabbage		
	Other:						
	Water plants:	☐ water lily	☐ eelgrass	☐ milfoil			
	Other:						
	Any other types of vegetation:						
b.	. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?						
	At the present time it would be expected that all onsite vegetation would be removed where required or						
	<u>applicable.</u>						
c.	List threatened and	l endangered spe	cies known to be	e on or near the s	site:		
	There are 10 plant species listed in Washington. Of these, none are found on site. The Washington State						
	PHS identifies shrub-steppe onsite however, it should be noted that the shrub-steppe later continues into						
	the adjacent apartment buildings and single-family residences.						
d.	Proposed landscap	ing, use of native	e plants, or other	measures to pre	serve or enhance vegetation on the		
	site, if any:						
	Drainage areas will be vegetated per standards to provide treatment and street trees are required.						
e.	List all noxious we	eeds and invasive	e species known	to be on or near	the site:		
	There are no know	n noxious weeds	or invasive spec	cies known to be	on or near the site.		

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a.	Check and List	any birds and	other animals wl	hich have been	observed on or ne	ar the site or are known to	
	be on or near the site:						
	Birds:	Mawk	☐ heron	☐ eagle	<b>S</b> songbirds		
	Other:						
	Mammals:	<b>⊠</b> deer	☐ bear	□ elk	☐ beaver		
	Other:						
	Fish:	☐ bass	☐ salmon	☐ trout	☐ herring	☐ shellfish	
	Other:						
	Any other anin	nals ( <u>not</u> listed i	in above categor	ies):			
b.	List any threatened or endangered animal species known to be on or near the site.						
	A review of the WDFW PHS and U.S. Fish and Wildlife IPaC Maps did not reveal any critical habitat.						
	There are 21 animal species listed in Washington. Of these, none are found on site; however, the						
	following have habitat that covers this region: yellow-billed cuckoo, bull trout and monarch butterfly						
	(candidate species). While bull trout have been rarely observed in the Spokane River, stormwater is not						
	proposed to dis	scharge into the	Spokane River	or its tributarie	s to affect bull tro	ut habitat.	
c.	Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.						
	Spokane County is part of the Pacific Flyway migration route. An online review of the U.S. Fish and						
	Wildlife IPaC map indicates that bald eagle, black tern, Cassin's finch, evening grosbeak, olive-sided						
	flycatcher, Rufe	ous hummingbi	rd and western <u>s</u>	grebe may trans	it through the are	<u>a.</u>	
d.	Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:						
	As this will be a highly urbanized development inside the Urban Growth Boundary, no preservation or						
	enhancement w	vill be provided	<u>.</u>				
e.	List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.						
	There are no invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.						

# 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.

  Electricity and natural gas will be made available to each home site for heating, air conditioning and lighting of the townhouses. Additionally, solar, wind, and other sources of power would be available if installed by residents or the owner.
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe:
   The townhomes will be 35' max height or as allowed by code which should not affect solar energy collection by neighboring parcels.
- 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:
  At this time none are proposed beyond those required by current city, state, county, and national energy codes.

## 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.

  <u>As this is a residential development, large volumes of chemicals are not anticipated to be stored onsite.</u>

  <u>No additional health hazards are anticipated with this project.</u>
  - (1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

    There are no special emergency services that would be required for this residential development project.
  - (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.
    - There are no known existing hazardous chemicals or conditions that might affect project development and design.

- (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.

  No chemicals or fuels are proposed to be stored onsite during development or construction.
- (4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

  There are no special emergency services that would be required for this residential development project.
- (5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

  <u>No measures are proposed to reduce or control environmental health hazards, beyond those included</u>
  within the respective City Permit as no health hazards are anticipated.

#### b. NOISE:

- (1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
  - Residential levels of noise have been observed from the surrounding development and traffic noise has been observed originating from 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Palouse Highway. These levels of noise are not anticipated to affect the project.
- (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.
  - In the short term, noises from construction equipment for both land disturbing activities as well as from building construction. Long term noise would be typical traffic and occupant noises associated with residential areas such as lawn maintenance activities, kids, pets, etc. Construction noise is anticipated to occur during daylight hours.
- (3) Proposed measure to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: <u>Construction will be restricted to hours allowed by code.</u>

## 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.
  - The project site is currently vacant land. Adjacent properties include single-family residences to the north, commercial uses and a communication use (radio station) to the east, single-family residences and a church to the south, and apartments to the west.

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?

The project site has not been known to have been used for agriculture in the recent past.

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:

The project is not anticipated to be affected by or have an effect on farm or forestry operations.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

*There are no structures onsite.* 

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, which?

No structures are proposed to be demolished, as none exist onsite.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? *The current zoning classification of the site is RSF.* 

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

The current comprehensive plan designation of the site is Residential 4-10.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? *There is no current shoreline master program designation of the site.* 

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or the county? If so, specify. The City of Spokane GIS identifies erodible soils to the southwest of the project site.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? The site is expected to serve approximately 260 (96\*2.7) people.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

No people are anticipated to be displaced with the completed project.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

There are no measures proposed to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, as none are anticipated.

 Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The project will be approved and developed in accordance with the applicable City codes and standards for residential development, streets, and utilities and the subsequent conditions of approval.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of longterm commercial significance, if any:

There are no proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance.

## 9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Approximately 96 additional middle to upper-income housing units are proposed to be provided with this project. A decision will be made at a later date to include up to 8 lower-income housing units. If omitted, the project will be 89 residential units.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high-, middle- or low-income housing.

No units are anticipated to be removed with this project.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

There are no measures proposed to reduce or control housing impacts, as none are anticipated.

## 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?

Maximum height as allowed by code, 35'. Exteriors may be one of the following or a combination; wood, brick, aluminum, lap siding (wood/concrete/vinyl) with cultured or natural stone, windows, doors, asphalt shingles or metal roofing, those materials common to house construction within the Spokane Region.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

  Localized street level views of the site from adjacent residences would be altered with development.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Walking paths, open spaces, landscaping and market-based home construction as to facade look, color, and texture will all be utilized as part of this project. Front yard landscaping will be included for privacy,

and frontage improvements will be constructed on existing public streets where required. Palouse Highway will include a 12' separated pathway as required by the City of Spokane.

## 11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

  The development will be illuminated at night for safety and security consistent with City of Spokane

  zoning codes and standards. It should be expected that several streetlights will be added as well as

  additional porch lights, all to residential scale and levels.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
  <u>Light or glare generated on the project site is not anticipated to be a safety hazard or interfere with views.</u>
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

  There are no offsite sources of light or glare that would affect the project.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

  The project will be landscaped and light produced from the finished residences will be at residential levels.

# 12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

  <u>Designated recreational opportunities in the area include the Southside Family Aquatic Facility, the</u>

  <u>South Spokane YMCA and the South Hill Sports Complex. Informal recreational opportunities in the area include Moran Prairie Elementary.</u>
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

  No, this project will not displace any existing recreational uses.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:
   <u>A clubhouse and pool may be constructed as part of this project. Additionally, open spaces and paths will be constructed as part of this project.</u>

## 13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the sited that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.
  - A review of the DAHP WISAARD revealed no properties onsite that are eligible for national, state, or local preservation registers. A cultural resource survey was ordered and will be submitted to the City of Spokane prior to a public hearing.
- 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.
  - There are no visible signs of landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation on or near the site.
- 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.
  GIS data from WISAARD was used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. A cultural resource survey will be conducted on this site and submitted to the City of Spokane prior to hearing. Regardless of the findings of the CRS, an inadvertent discovery plan will be prepared noting that during construction, if any artifact or human remains are discovered the project will
- 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. <u>There are no proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance of resources beyond following local, state, and federal laws, which may include an inadvertent discovery plan.</u>

stop in that area, and the City and owner will be notified.

## 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.

The project proposes to access the public street system via 53<sup>rd</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenues, Thor Street (Ferrall Street), Freya Street and Palouse Highway. This site will access Freya Street, Palouse Highway, and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue in part via alleys.

- b. Is 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.

  The site is approximately 0.2 miles from the nearest transit stop, 57th @ Ferrall on bus route #4.
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

  Each residence will have at minimum two garage spaces for a total of 192 (96\*2) designated parking spaces and 62 parking stalls in addition to street parking. No formal spaces will be eliminated.

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).

  This project will create one public north-south road (Thor Street) with full improvements to connect from the existing Ferrall Street to the north to 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the south and one public east-west road (53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) with half-street improvements from the existing 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to the east to the proposed Thor Street to the west. One private east-west lane (53<sup>rd</sup> Lane) will be built that will connect Thor Street to the west and Palouse Highway to the east. Paths and sidewalks will be installed onsite for recreation and pedestrian travel. Frontage improvements are required along Freya Street, 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Palouse Highway, with a 12' separated sidewalk required by the City of Spokane predevelopment meeting notes.
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

  No, this project will not use water, rail, or air transport.

Finally, an alley system will be built on the rear side of the townhouses to allow for vehicular access.

- 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? (Note: to assist in review and if known, indicate vehicle trips during PM peak, AM Peak, and Weekday (24 hours).
  - This project is anticipated to generate 52 AM peak hour trips, 59 PM peak hour trips, and 682 ADT.
- 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, general describe.
  <u>This project is not anticipated to interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural or forest products on roads or streets in the area.</u>

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

There are no proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts other than participating in the City of Spokane's impact fee ordinance.

## 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.

Yes, this project will result in an increased need for public services; however, the demand for services are not anticipated to increase beyond an acceptable level as anticipated by the Comprehensive Plan.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any:

<u>There are currently no proposed impacts beyond following requirements and regulations of municipal or state code.</u>

## 16. Utilities

electricity	🛛 natural gas	■ water	☒ refuse service

🛛 telephone 🔼 s	sanitary sewer	septic system
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Other: Answer

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:

Sewer and water will be provided by the City of Spokane.

Electricity and natural gas will be provided by Avista.

<u>Telephone will be provided by Centurylink.</u>

a. Check utilities currently available at the site:

Refuse services will be provided by the City of Spokane.

## 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: August 10, 2022

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Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, 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.