

(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.
