

**State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)  
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE CHECKLIST!**

**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: City of Spokane Paper Cuts Code Amendments Q1 2024
2. Applicant: City of Spokane
3. Address: 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd  
City/State/Zip: Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: 509-755-2489  
Agent or Primary Contact: Jackie Churchill Planner I  
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Phone: 509-625-6500  
Location of Project: Citywide  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Parcel Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date checklist prepared: February 14, 2024
5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Spokane
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Q1 2024
7. a. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.  
Yes, the Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) is subject to continuous review and may be amended in future years. The WA State Department of Commerce and the Legislature make changes to best practices, state guidance, and applicable state law that could require further amendments to the SMC.
- b. Do you own or have options on land nearby or adjacent to this proposal? If yes, explain.  
Yes, the City of Spokane owns land including parks and administrative buildings within the city limits or the "affected geographical area" of this proposal.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.  
A draft and final EIS were prepared for the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2001, the DEIS was released on May 22, 2000, and the FEIS was issued on March 23, 2011. An EIS addendum was adopted with the 2017 update of the Comprehensive Plan.
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals

directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

None

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Changes to the Unified Development Code (UDC) of the SMC require a public hearing before the Plan Commission and a public hearing and approval by the Spokane City Council.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page.

This proposal will amend sections 04.16.040 Membership; 17A.020.020 B Definitions; 17A.020.030 C Definitions; 17A.020.080 H Definitions; 17C.120.110 Limited Use Standards; 17C.122.070 Center and Corridor Allowed Uses; 17C.122T.001 Table 17C.122.070-1 Center and Corridor Allowed Uses; 17C.190.450 Medical Centers; 17C.200.050 Street Tree Requirements; 17D.010.020 Concurrency Test; 17D.010.030 Certificate of Capacity; 17D.075.180 Appendix A – Impact Fee Schedule; 17G.020.040 Amendment Frequency; 17G.061.010 Summary of Land Use Application Procedures; 17G.061.320 Notice of Decision; 17G.070.030 Development Standards; and 17H.010.120 Alleys; to make minor changes that clarify government process and procedures, align with legislative requirements, and/or make clerical corrections in the Spokane Municipal Code. The proposal also adds a new section, 17C.190.255 Public Parking Lot, creating a new use category description.

12. 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.

Citywide

13. Does the proposed action lie within the Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)? The General Sewer Service Area? The Priority Sewer Service Area? The City of Spokane? (See: Spokane County's ASA Overlay Zone Atlas for boundaries.)

Yes, to all.

14. The following questions supplement Part A.

- a. Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) / Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)

- (1) Describe any systems, other than those designed for the disposal of sanitary waste installed for the purpose of discharging fluids below the ground surface (includes systems such as those for the disposal of stormwater or drainage from floor drains). Describe the type of system, the amount of material to be disposed of through the system and the types of material likely to be disposed of (including materials which may enter the system inadvertently through spills or as a result of firefighting activities).

Not applicable, this non-project action will not affect any of these systems.

- (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?

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (3) What protective measures will be taken to insure that leaks or spills of any chemicals stored or used on site will not be allowed to percolate to groundwater. This includes measures to keep chemicals out of disposal systems.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (4) Will any chemicals be stored, handled or used on the site in a location where a spill or leak will drain to surface or groundwater or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater?

N/A, this is a non-project action.

b. Stormwater

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

Varies throughout the city

- (2) Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

## B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

### 1. Earth

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 slope throughout the city varies; however, this is a non-project code amendment and will not directly modify topography.

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.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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:

N/A, this is a non-project action.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt, or buildings)?

N/A, this is a non-project action.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth, if any:

N/A, this is a non-project action.

### 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.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
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### 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.

N/A, this is a non-project action. The City of Spokane has various wetlands, streams, and rivers.

- (2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Not applicable, this is a non-project application.

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- (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.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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- (4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? If yes, give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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- (5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

N/A, this is a non-project action. There are numerous FEMA designated 100-year flood zones within City boundaries.

- (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.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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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.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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- (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.

N/A, this is a non-project action. The City requires that all development connect to existing sewer service at the time of development/ renovations of existing uses.

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.

N/A, this is a non-project action. Stormwater is collected, treated, and disposed of via various methods in the city, subject to the requirements of [Chapter 13.03 Sewers, Article III General Requirements](#) SMC.

- (2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- d. PROPOSED MEASURES to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage patten impacts, if any.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

#### 4. Plants

Check the type of vegetation found on the site:

Deciduous tree:         alder         maple         aspen

Other: This is a non-project action and would not directly alter or affect the various plants and trees located in the city.

Evergreen tree:         fir         cedar         pine

Other: This is a non-project action and would not directly alter or affect the various plants and trees located in the city. \_\_\_\_\_

Shrubs    Grass    Pasture    Crop or grain

Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops

Wet soil plants:  cattail    buttercup    bullrush    skunk cabbage

Other: This is a non-project action and would not directly alter or affect the various plants and trees located in the city. \_\_\_\_\_

Water plants:  water lily    eelgrass    milfoil

Other: This is a non-project action and would not directly alter or affect the various plants and trees located in the city.

Other types of vegetation: This is a non-project action and would not directly alter or affect the various plants and trees located in the city.

a. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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b. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

c. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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d. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

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## 5. Animals

a. Check and List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds:  hawk    heron    eagle    songbirds

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Mammals:  deer    bear    elk    beaver

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Fish:  bass    salmon    trout    herring    shellfish

Other: This is a non-project action and would not directly alter or affect various wildlife found in the city.

Other (not listed in above categories): \_\_\_\_\_



- b. List any threatened or endangered animal species known to be on or near the site.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Various migratory birds transit through the city as part of normal migration patterns.

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- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

## **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.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

N/A, this is a non-project action.

## **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.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (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.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (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.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

N/A, this is a non-project action.

b. NOISE:

- (1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- (3) Proposed measure to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

N/A, this is a non-project action.

**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 city contains a full range of use types as described in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map

- 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?

N/A, this is a non-project action. There are some farmlands in the City, mainly located in the Latah/Hangman neighborhood in the southwest quadrant of the city.

- 1) 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:

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, which?  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?  
N/A, this is a non-project action. There are various zoning classifications throughout the city.
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?  
N/A, this is a non-project action
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?  
N/A, this is a non-project action. There are various SMP designations along the Spokane River and Latah Creek
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or the county? If so, specify.  
N/A, this is a non-project action. The city includes areas classified as Critical Areas. The regulations within the critical areas ordinance in SMC Title 17E would apply to any action within the critical areas.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:  
N/A, this is a non-project action.

## **9. Housing**

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high-, middle- or low-income housing.  
N/A, this is a non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:  
N/A, this is a non-project action.

## 10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:  
N/A, this is a non-project action.

## 11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:  
N/A, this is a non-project action.

## 12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?  
N/A, this is a non-project action. There are various formal and informal recreation opportunities throughout the city
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:  
N/A, this is a non-project action.

## 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.  
N/A, this is a non-project action. There are various structures throughout the city that are listed or

are eligible to be listed in national and local historical registers.

- b. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project proposal eliminate?  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- c. 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.  
N/A, this is a non-project action. There are areas within the city that qualify as tribal or historic uses.
- d. 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.  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
- e. 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.  
N/A, this is a non-project action. Measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for resources are a part of regulations within the SMC.

#### **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.  
N/A, this is a non-project action. The city is served by a comprehensive network of streets, highways, and freeways.
- 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  
Yes, Spokane Transit Authority serves the entire city and wider region with various routes.
- c. 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).  
N/A, this is a non-project action.
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- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail or air

transportation? If so, generally describe.

N/A, this is a non-project action

- e. 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?

N/A, this is a non-project action

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

- f. 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.

N/A, this is a non-project action

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

N/A, this is a non-project action

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## 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.

N/A, this is a non-project action

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

N/A, this is a non-project action

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## 16. Utilities

- a. Check utilities currently available at the site:

electricity

natural gas

water

refuse service

telephone

sanitary sewer

septic system

Other: N/A, this is a non-project action.

- 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:

N/A, this is a non-project action

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**C. SIGNATURE**

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the *agency* must withdraw any determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: 2-23-24 Signature: Jackie Churchill

**Please Print or Type:**

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Staff member(s) reviewing checklist: Tyler Kimbrell, Planner II

Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, the staff concludes that:

- A. There are no probable significant adverse impacts and recommends a Determination of Nonsignificance.
- B. Probable significant adverse environmental impacts do exist for the current proposal and recommends a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance with conditions.
- C. There are probable significant adverse environmental impacts and recommends a Determination of Significance.



## D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

*(Do not use this sheet for project actions)*

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed text amendments are a nonproject action. Any negative externalities would be mitigated at the project level if necessary, and all projects would be subject to the protections under SEPA, the SMP, and Critical Areas ordinance. The proposed text amendments will amend government procedures and/or clarify municipal code. The built environment will not be affected.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

None. However, measures to reduce or control discharge to water; emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise will be evaluated, and if necessary, mitigated on an individual project application basis and are most likely to be associated with the primary use of the project site.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life?

The proposed text amendments are unlikely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. Any future development that would be subject to any of the rules under the proposed text amendments would be subject to applicable permitting and environmental review.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are:

None, proposed code amendments are unlikely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

None, proposed code amendments are unlikely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

None. However, building and energy conservation standards would apply to any new construction.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas

designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains or prime farmlands?

None, the proposed code amendments do not directly encourage or change development. But any new development would be subject to the critical areas standards of the SMC. The City's regulations are compliant with the Endangered Species Act and other Federal and State requirements, with the goal of protecting and/or conserving important ecosystems and the species that rely upon them. For some new development, the City solicits comments from agencies and tribes as required by SMC, RCW, and WAC requirements.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Any future new development is subject to applicable permitting and development requirements.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed code amendments would not affect shoreline use or the use of lands within floodplains.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

Measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts will be evaluated and determined on an individual application, project-level basis, and will be based on the primary use of the site.

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

The proposed code amendments are unlikely to increase the demands on transportation or public services and utilities. Development would be accessed on an individual project level at the application and permitting phase.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

None. However, it is a requirement of some development projects to produce a traffic impact study and other studies to assess impacts on transportation or public services and utilities. The amendments to the traffic impact fee schedule align with Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual to accurately respond to transportation demand caused by land use changes and development.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The proposed code amendments do not conflict with local, state, or federal requirements for the

protection of the environment.

C. SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the *agency* may withdraw any Determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: 2-23-24 Signature: Jackie Churchill

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Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, the staff concludes that:

- A. There are no probable significant adverse impacts and recommends a Determination of Nonsignificance.
- B. Probable significant adverse 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.